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A.I.O. of Moses.

PINKETT NAMED GRAND MASTER OF ORDER OF MOSES

Lodge Ends Three-Day Session Here And Officers Are Elected

The Grand Lodge, A. I. O. of Moses concluded a three-day session at their home, 1421 T street, northwest, on Thursday evening, after one of the most successful and harmonious annual meetings in recent years. Officers elected for the next year are:

A. S. Pinkett, grand master; Mrs. Carrie Washington, grand vice; Edward Axom, grand deputy; Mrs. Hattie Thompson, grand past vice; Edward Thurman, grand high priest; Mrs. Willie R. Jones, grand recording secretary; Mrs. Rosa Mosley, grand treasurer; R. A. Phillips, grand financial secretary; Simeon Washingto,n inside sentinel; John Tubman, outside sentinel; Mrs. Amelia Henson, right support; Mrs. Ruth Thompson, left support; Mrs. Bertha Lee, right conductor; Mrs. Ida Howard, left conductor; Mrs. Lucy Burrell, national supervisor; Wm. H. Westray, delegate to Hall Association; Mrs. Elmira G. Henderson, chairman of supply committee; Mrs. Frances Washington, secretary.

Grand auditors—Chas. C. Carter, Mrs. William D. Neil, Mrs. Lottie Brown.

Banking committee—A. S. Pinkett, Richard H. Chatman, Wm. H. Westray.

State deputies — Mrs. Mollie Flagg, Massachusetts; Nathan Duvall, Maryland.

Ways and means committee—Mrs. Carrie Washington, chairman; Mrs. Rebecca Gray, vice-chairman; Mrs. Martha Davis, Miss Alberta Simmons, Mrs. Lena J. Hart, Mrs. Anna W. Lee, Mrs. Pauline Harvey, Mrs. Blange Hawkins, Mrs. Delphia Robinson, Wm. H. Butler, Reubin Minor.

Wm. H. Westray, traveling deputy; Edward M. Harvey, grand organizer; Herbert M. Pugsley, grand lecturing master.

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A. U. K. D. OF A.'S PREPARE FOR LOUISVILLE

Uniform Rank to Hold Six-Day Encampment at Fair Grounds

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 29.—(ANP)—The 25th annual Grand Session of the National Grand Council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa of the United States and its possessions will convene in Louisville, Ky., August 8 to 13, inclusive.

The first District encampment of the uniform rank of the organization will be held at the fair grounds in Louisville.

The first district comprises the jurisdictions of Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

Dtr. Leona Taylor, State Grand Queen of Ohio, will be in charge of the encampment. Major General John Shakelford, of the National Council, is co-operating with the first district in their encampment.

Regiments from Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky, and units from other states will be in camp. The sessions of the Grand Council will convene at Zion Baptist church.

ous Zion Baptist church, twenty-second and Walnut streets.

More than 500 delegates from thirty-six states and 200 members of the military department were present. This group has tents erected at the State fair ground, where Major General J. A. Shackleford has charge of those in camp. The official brass bands also have headquarters at the fair ground.

Delegates Installed

Delegates present at the opening session of the A. U. K. order last Monday morning were confronted with a condition unlike any of its kind in the history of the organization. The delegates gathered at the Zion church to hear cordial addresses of welcome such as they had always heard at the formal opening of their grand lodge sessions. Scheduled on the official program as the principal speaker, was the name of Rev. O. M. Huey, white who was to offer welcome on behalf of the Louisville Publicity and Convention League.

The Rev. Huey did not appear but sent one I. T. Hill, white, to represent him. Hill told the visitors of the numerous speakeasies in Louisville and the quality of goods handled by them, explaining further that there is a place (county jail) at Sixth and Liberty streets for those unable to control their thirst while upon attendance of the convention. It was his opinion that his hearers were incapable of proper conduct and needed warning. His nonsense ended with a tale brought to his mind about a "nigger" during the days of slavery.

Sir Knight John Green, executive secretary, Dayton, Ohio, Y. M. C. A. responded to what was said by the white representative of the Louisville Convention league. "The day has passed when members of my race are interested in hearing the kind of utterances as made by Hill or his kind," Green declared.

I. Willis Cole, editor, Louisville Leader, who extended welcome on behalf of the citizens of this city, said that Hill represented the white trash of the city and was unknown to the better classes of white citizens.

The A. U. K. Councils of Louisville entertained visitors and delegates with an elaborate reception in the dining rooms of Zion church following a highly musical program.

Mardi Gras Parade

Tuesday night hundreds of the members of the Knights and Daughters of Africa were seen in a spectacular Mardi Gras parade moving over the sections where the bulk of our people reside. They were garbed in every color of the rainbow, mimicking as they frolicked and pranced to the tunes of pep by jazz bands.

Thursday the entire military organization and delegates pulled off their biggest event at 12 o'clock noon. It was the annual full dress parade in which each member attending the conclave had a chance to strut to the delight of spectators, who viewed the procession from sidewalks, house stops and windows sills.

Financial reports show the A. U. K. order as having paid $35,000 for death claims within the past twenty months and an excellent record under guidance of Grand Master Patillo.

PATILLO REELECTED NATIONAL HEAD OF THE A. U. K. D. OF A.

By R. C. FISHER

LOUISVILLE—Ernest Patillo of St. Louis was re-elected Tuesday, August 9, national Grand Master of the national grand council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa.

The twenty-fifth annual session of the organization opened last Monday morning for a five-day conclave. Business sessions were held in the auditorium of the spaci-

PATILLO AGAIN HEADS A. U. K. AND D. OF A.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 13—(By ANP)—Ernest Patillo, of St. Louis, was reelected national grand master of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa, here, Friday when the 25th annual grand lodge session of the organization was brought to a close.

With delegates present from 36 states, the convention got under way early Monday morning and after the usual formal addresses, one of which was delivered by T. I. Hill, a white man, who persisted in telling "darky stories" that riled the assemblage, the organization got right down to business and only roared its head on Thursday afternoon when the military exhibition was staged.

The order was founded by the late W. E. Fields, reverently remembered as "the Grand Old Man." During the 25 years of its existence the membership has increased largely and the organization now boasts of having lodges in every state of the Union.

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High-Lights Of The Elks' Convention At Atlantic City

By SAMIRED

One of the most popular Elks is Grand Secretary "Jimmie" Kelley. If Jimmie ever went into bankruptcy, his smile would be listed as an asset worth a half million dollars.

The number of Past Grand Daughter Rulers would indicate that the Daughters know the game of politics pretty well. Prominent among the Pasts are Laura Williams of New York and Ella G. Berry of Chicago, two as clever and capable women executives as America has ever seen.

Col. John R. Marshall (Handsome John to you) made the first campaign speech for "The Little Napoleon". "After ten years", said the Colonel, "no one in all Elkdom dares come here and say I want to succeed J. Finley Wilson."

Past Grand Daughter Ruler Ella G. Berry stopped the show on Sunday when she said "We can't all be Grand Commissioners of Education, but the humblest of us can help put his program over." Amen.

Grace Bryant of Detroit was one of the session's most scintillating personalities. Brer Finley insists on relating that she was Grand Daughter Ruler 22 years ago. Must have been in the juvenile department.

Chairman of the Shrine Commission Joseph H. P. Westbrook, from Denver, Colorado, was doing pretty good as the "Man Fartherest from Home", until Grand Recording Secretary, Daughter McCullough popped up from Seattle, Washington, and Presiding Elder Harvey from Sacramento, California, dropped in with a pail of Pacific Ocean to help out the waters of the Atlantic.

According to "Brer" Finley, El Centro, Cal., has a lodge composed of Japanese, Chinese, Filipinos and "just plain "colored folks" boasting a home worth 25 Grand and all paid for. Page my boy friend, Tomtom Heflin.

Smiling Col. John Freeman is as busy as a hen with chickens, making the delegates know that Quaker City Lodge No. 720 has a candidate for grand esquire in the person of Smiling Col. John Freeman. Don't be surprised if you read in another column that he went across. He sure deserves it.—

When Grand Commissioner of Education "Billie" Hueston heard one of his finished products on Monday morning, he was so overcome with emotion that he burst into tears in full view of the large audience. He eased out of right and was soon joined by a group of friends seeking to console him. His emotion became contagious and soon there was a group of weeping men and women having a gal-orious time. There's something just about all right about a full grown man or woman who can still shed tears of joy.

Young "Bill" Harvey, a student in theology at Fisk University, paid a very graceful visit to the educational meeting. Bill is one of last year's oratorical contest winners, and is making the grade at Howard intent on retaining for Philadelphia a place in the sun by reason of its great men. Good luck, Bill, and we're all pulling for you.

Director of Public Safety Bill Cuthbert told the folks if anything went wrong at any time they should see Ike Nutter and "everything would be all right." He had scarcely got the seat of his immaculate white flannels adjusted to his chair, before Grand Commissionar of Education Hueston in responding delightfully to the Director wound up by handing him a yellow ticket he had just received for leaving his Henry Ford on an obscure corner. It seems the Ford had contracted a severe case of "Atlanticityitis" and had stayed out all night. However, the Director made good his promise and Brer Hueston is now or ought to be $13.50 richer.

Ike Nutter introduced one of the real white friends of the local committee who had given splendid financial support to the success of this great convention. Grand Exalted Ruler Finley Wilson brought down the house with a hasty response to the great giver, Mr. Frank Crawford. Said Brer Finley: "Brer. Crawford, by high power invested in me as Grand Exalted Ruler of the IMproved, BEnevolent and PRO-Tective Order of Elks of the World, I hereby and hereon appoint you a contributing member of the Civil Liberties Commission." Looks like Brer Crawford will know have to "give till it hurts".

Mayor Bacharach presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a magnificent "Key to Atlantic City." The Grand accepted it, but most of the brethren had already received so many other keys to Atlantic City front doors and back doors that it looked as if the Mayor's generous gesture was "Carrying coals to Newcastle."

One of the most graceful events of the convention was the presentation to the audience of Mrs. B. F. Howard, widow of the founder of this "the greatest fraternal order in all the world". It would be an even more graceful thing if some more tangible gesture were made acknowledging the great debt of gratitude owed by hundreds of thousands of men and women whose lives have been made bigger, better and fuller by the initiative and foresight of this great man who builded better than he knew.

Two of the convention's most interesting personalities are James E. Mills, of Tidewater, Va. the Order's senior Past Grand Exalted Ruler, and S. D. Walton, Deputy of New York, who though now only 84 years young, is one of the most active deputies in the jurisdiction and one of the powers in the administration.

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ELK ORATORICAL CONTESTS UNFAIR, EDITOR CONTENDS

Courier 4-2-32

Pittsburgh, Pa.

TULSA, Okla. Mar. 31,—(ANP)—Roscoe Dunjee, editor of the Black Dispatch of this city, and regional director of the Sixth Oratorical District, I. B. P. O. E. of W., made public last Friday a letter he had written to Elk Commissioner of Education Wm. C. Hueston of Washington, charging that the methods of judging contestants in the national oratorical contest which the Elks have been featuring at their annual conclaves were unfair.

Mr. Dunjee, whose letter announced his resignation as regional director, felt he said that his candidate did not get a square deal and that the judges which returned the decision were not competent to judge the contestants upon their merits. He made a number of suggestions which he said would, if adopted, safeguard future contests, among them being:

First: That the judges in the National Oratorical Contest be selected from the public speaking department of our accredited Negro universities.

Second: That no applause or reaction be permittted from the audience during the rendition or at the close of any oration.

"The first suggestion is made for the reason that I feel that by getting competent prepared critics in the realm of public speaking, a meritorious decision can be rendered. Last year when I came from Denver, after our regional contest, I personally spent money to have our contestant trained at the University of Oklahoma, white. I like all the men who acted as judges; they are personal friends of mine, but you will pardon me when I say that I don't think any of them were prepared to pass upon the qualifications of young Bowen.

"My second suggested change was the result of a conclusion reached following my stop off in Memphis, on my return trip from Philadelphia Lieutenant Lee, who was one of the judges, told me in the presence of four others that after reaching their decision, separate and apart, they later met in the ante-room before the public decision was rendered. Lieut. Lee said that in the anteroom it was discovered that two of the judges, including himself, had scored young Bowen as the winner but because of the applause outside, which still continued for the Detroit contestant, they decided to change their scores. Lieut. Lee quotes one of the judges as saying, "If we don't give the prize to that Detroit girl, that crowd will lynch us."

"My notion is that if the audience is to determine who the winner is in an oratorical contest we do not need the judges and vice versa.

"Another thought in this connection; I do not think that you should be present when the decision is being reached. You are an elective officer of the Grand Lodge. Your election is to occur following the oratorial contest. There is a chance for someone to assume that your presence among the judges might have political significance.

"I do not want you to believe that I am not a good sport. I would be willing to forget all of the loss sustained by my contestant, if I knew that in the future contests I would not be pitted against such unfair rules. I do not believe that the colored boys and girls over the United States ought to be herded into a contest where decisions would be reached under questionable rules as characterized the Philadelphia meeting."

150,000 View Elks' Parade At Seashore

Hueston, Henry and Kelly Reelected By Acclamation

Johnson In Bitter Fight

Local Lodges Win Awards in Picturesque Spectacle

ELKS BRIEFS

Atlantic City, N. J.—J. Finley Wilson re-elected Grand Exalted Ruler by acclamation.

James E. Kelley, secretary; Edward W. Henry, treasurer, and Wm. C. Hueston, commissioner of education, all re-elected by acclamation.

Abbie Johnson, Grand Daughter Ruler, is waging a bitter fight for re-election.

Catto Lodge wins prize for best dressed Lodge, and Quaker City Marching Club for best marching club.

By SAM H. READING

Philadelphia Tribune 9-3-32

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug.—Every State in the Union, every possession and territory of the United States, Canada, Cuba, Honduras, British West Indies, Liberia, Jamaica and Porto Rico were represented in the line of march of the Elks' parade, which was staged here last Tuesday afternoon, as part of the convention of the I. B. P. O. E. of W. being held here this week. Boardwalk, main streets, Northside, back streets and alleys all gleamed, glistened, and displayed an amazing conglemeration of purple and white and red, white and blue as the tread of marching feet indicated that the most impressive showing of Negro strength, and intellect in America was giving the playground of the world another treat.

FIFTY-ONE BANDS PLAY

The parade formed in the extreme east end of Atlantic City, wended its way westward on Atlantic Avenue and disbanded at Bader Field. To the strains of martial music from fifty-one bands, a rainbow of hues accentuated by the flashing of shiny helmets and sabers in a glistening sun, swept down Atlantic avenue while fully 150,000 people lined the streets to view one of the most spectacular processions offered by colored Elkdom.

The marchers themselves were in rare form, snappily attired drill teams performing skillfully and clever maneuvers almost continuously. The band leaders strutted their stuff with agility and handled their batons amazingly.

OFFICIALS VIEW PARADE

From the reviewing stand city officials and high officials of the lodge viewed the parade, including Mayor Harry Bacharach, J. Finley Wilson of Washington, who was re-elected as Grand Exalted Ruler of the order for his twelfth term, and Congressman Oscar DePriest.

Six silver loving cups, put up as prizes for the best parade showing were awarded by judges as follows: Manhattan Lodge Band, Quaker City Marching Club, Washington Lodge Drill Team, Phyllis Wheatley Temple of Boston, Mass., Excelsior Temple of Brooklyn and the O. V. Catto Lodge, of Philadelphia, best dressed lodge.

MARQUESS MOVES FOR WILSON

With Wilson were James E. Kelley, William C. Hueston and Edward W. Henry, re-elected officers by acclamation. Secretary, commissioner of acclamation. The nomination was seconded by Attorney B. J. Smith, Mississippi; Attorney Isaac H. Nutter, Atlantic City, and finally seconded by Roscoe Conkling Simmons, of Chicago, Ill. The motion was carried amid loud applause. Abbie Johnson of Philadelphia is in a bitter struggle for re-election as Grand Daughter Ruler.

GIVEN KEY TO CITY BY MAYOR

The convention opened officially in the New Jersey Avenue School when Wilson was presented with the key to the city by Mayor Bacharach and United States Senator Warren Barbour welcomed the convention in the name of the state. Isaac H. Nutter, local attorney, presided.

A group of Negro Democratic leaders, including Ferdinand Q. Morton, of New York, Civil Service Commissioner; Judge Toney, of New York Municipal Court, and others sought to have prominent Democratic speakers address the convention and said it might be possible to get John M. Garner, Vice Presidential candidate. The efforts were resisted by Perry W. Howard, of the Republican National Committee, and Assistant Solicitor General W. C. Hueston, of the Post Office Department. Howard is Grand Legal Advisor.

Chicago delegates are boosting that city for the convention next year because of the World's Fair there and are the most active of the home town boosters. Louisville, Ky., withdrew.

Following a conference between officials of the Pride of Newark Lodge No. 93 and the cabinet of the Grand Lodge officers it was decided to reinstate the Newark Lodge to full membership. The lodge is to pay all accrued grand lodge fee dues with the further provision that Dr. Thomas M. Wright leader in the first against the administration, be exempted from participation in the lodge affairs. Two delegates were allowed the lodge at the convention.

This action of the parts of the grand lodge officers brought to a halt the proposed move of the Newark Lodge to secure an injunction to stop the convention, here.

ATLANTA GIRL WINS CONTEST

More than a thousand eager listeners jammed the New Jersey Avenue School on Tuesday night to hear the sixth annual Oratorical contest. There were six entrants, one each the winner of the regional districts into which the country is divided. The opening of this session was delayed by the sudden illness of one of the contestants, Artie Dickerson of Montgomery, Alabama, who had to be removed to the Atlantic City Hospital for an emergency operation. The contest was won by Beatrice Maxey, of Atlanta, Georgia, who received a prize of $250.

United States Senator Hamilton F. Kean of New Jersey addressed this meeting, which concluded with a masterly address by Roscoe Conkling Simmons, of Chicago.

ABBIE JOHNSON IS RE-ELECTED GR. DT. RULER

Afro-American 9-3-32

Baltimore, Md.

As was predicted there was a hot fight among daughter Elks. Grand Daughter Ruler Abbie M. Johnson, of Philadelphia, was re-elected as head of the Grand Temple by a final vote of 248 to 153. Her victory, however, came after a spirited contest and after Mrs. Johnson had made a deal with Mrs. Hattie I. Williams, who threw the majority of her 60 votes to the Philly daughter Elk. Mrs. Elizabeth Kimbrough of Brooklyn, received 153 votes in the finals.

It was said that Mrs. Johnson has pledged Mrs. Williams her support in 1933.

Mrs. Rosa L. Blocker, of New York City, was named vice-grand daughter ruler, and former Grand Chaplain Edna L. Haynes, of New York City, was elected to assistant grand daughter ruler, and was succeeded by Daughter Brooks as grand chaplain.

For the 29th consecutive year, Grand Secretary Emma V. Kelly, of Norfolk, Va., was re-elected. Mrs. Ella G. Berry presided on Wednesday with Mrs. Hattie I. Williams, of Florida, in the chair, when Mrs. Johnson was elected.

Delegates numbering 414 attended the sessions of the Grand Temples, while the Junior Elk girls were present reporting active progress.

The sessions were held in the Soldiers' Home. The lodge will meet in Louisville next year. All other officers were re-appointed.

WILSON AND KELLEY ARE RE-ELECTED

POLITICAL FEUD SLOW MATERIALIZING — WHOLE FORCE TO RETURN

Reporter
Birmingham Ala
8-27-32

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., August 25. —The Thirty-Third Annual Elk Grand Lodge opened here Sunday with many hundreds of delegates, friends and Elks from every part of America and from six foreign countries in attendance.

The opening meeting was held at the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church with the Grand Chaplain of the order in charge and presiding. The first meeting of the Grand Lodge proper opened at 10 a. m. Monday at Fitzgerald's. The Annual Grand Ball was held in Convention Hall Tuesday night.

J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler, is re-elected, and James E. Kelley, Grand Secretary, was re-elected Wednesday morning.

There are smoltering embers of a political fight here, but to date nothing of any serious consequence in this direction has materialized. It is quite evident that J. Finley Wilson and his administration will be endorsed, and will return in power with the approval of the recommendation in his annual address.

J. Finley Wilson Again Heads I. B. P. O. Elks of World

New York Age
New York N.Y.
9-3-32

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — The thirty-third annual convention of the grand lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World stopped J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, while reading his annual report, Tuesday, and re-elected him by acclamation for the eleventh time. There was no opposition from the small delegation assembled here.

Due to depression and the late change of meeting place from Los Angeles on the Pacific to Atlantic City of the Atlantic Ocean, there were not more than 400 delegates.

There were about 1,000 delegates in Philadelphia last year.

The grand secretary, James E. Kelly, of Birmingham, Ala.; the grand treasurer, Judge Edward W. Henry, of Philadelphia; and the commissioner of education, Judge William C. Hueston, of Washington D. C., were re-elected by acclamation following the reading of their reports Wednesday morning.

Only one incident marred a harmonious meeting so far, and that happened Wednesday morning when John Marcus, of Philadelphia, said that he would not oppose the motion to re-elect Judge Henry as grand treasurer, but he wanted the record to show Quaker City as not voting.

After the appointment of Robert Nelson as athletic commissioner in Pennsylvania, Judge Hueston, commissioner of education took over the editorship of the Eagle in February, 1932.

To Revive the Eagle

In making his report on that office Wednesday morning, he recommended that the Eagle be changed from a monthly to a weekly paper and that a complete print shop be set up and manned by a complete staff to print the Eagle weekly and turn out other printed matter for the order. He suggested it be located in Washington, D. C., and that the Eagle become a national fraternal paper carrying all information possible on the operation of the government and the service the various governmental departments can render.

The Parade

The parade was colorful and interesting. It required about an hour and a half to pass a given point, whereas the one here three years ago required four and a half hours to pass a given point.

There were sixteen bands in the parade, three of which were made up of women and two of string instruments. The band of Monarch Lodge of New York City won first prize on parade. The Mounted Knights of Quaker City Lodge of Philadelphia won first prize in their line. The drill team of Morning Star Lodge No. 40, of Washington won first prize of the drill teams. The ladies' marching club of Boston won first prize among the women. Excelsior Temple won first prize among the temples, and O. V. Catto Lodge of Philadelphia was awarded first prize among the lodges.

While several excursions came in from New York. Philadelphia and Washington, the crowd was noticeably small. There were not more than 30,000 people here for the parade. The smallest crowd ever.

Grtnd Ball A Failure

The grand ball was held at the $15,000,000 auditorium Tuesday night, but there were not more than 500 people present. As a grand ball it was a failure. One feature which added to the failure was the fact that all delegates had to pay admission, $1.50 each to enter. It has been the custom for the local committee to admit all delegates with badges. Three years ago there were 8,000 people at the grand ball in this same auditorium. Isaac Nutter was chairman of the local committee.

The finances of the lodge have dropped considerably during this continued depression, and James E. Kelly, grand secretary, recommended a reduction in grand lodge officers' salaries. The receipts of the rand lodge are about $8,000 less this year than they were last. Secretary Kelly reported a grand total of $27,741 in cash on hand from the various departments, $17,000 of that belongs to the educational department, $10,000 of which is in government bonds.

The welcome program took place Monday afternoon at the New Jersey school, with Isaac Nutter as master of ceremonies.

The Stay-At-Home-Elks

Norfolk Va
Pittsburgh Courier
9-3-32

THIS writer is a great admirer of J. Finley Wilson, chieftain of the Elks. For several years we have carefully watched the work of the great Elk organization and there are many evidences that any organization of such commanding importance is blessed with a great leadership; and because the organization has come to its present power largely through the leadership of Mr. Wilson, even his foes must admit that he has great genius.

Some say that Mr. Wilson is not a learned man and that his place would be better filled by a learned man. I do not agree, for I do not rate men by their learning and their degrees, but by their accomplishments. There are so many educated men who cannot equal Mr. Wilson in leadership that I do not make learning a requisite for successful leadership, although it has its advantages as all must admit.

Friendly Criticism

Because I admire Mr. Wilson and am friendly toward his program in general, I feel free in making this friendly criticism of the plans whereby the Elks staged their 1932 meet in Atlantic City and climaxed the same with the "annual parade." It has come about that the "Elks parade" is nearly five-fifths of the annual meeting and it presents a spectacle of unusual beauty and pretention. People look forward with great eagerness to the parade and it is one of the most spectacular affairs of the Negro race in this country.

To have decided upon a parade at this particular time was unfortunate from many angles. Negroes are economically hard-pressed and there are unhappy prospects of greater pressure in the near future. To make any kind of public demonstration comparable to that which invariably marks the splendor of the Elks parade seems economically suicidal. Even in times of our so-called prosperity the Elks parade was a racial liability and not an asset.

Too Much Display

Negroes have never been able to afford the kind of display the parades have offered and in this time of times such display may be good fraternity politics but mighty poor argument for the economic opportunity that the Negro craves. Atlantic City is the place where Negroes were forced to accept a Jim-Crow bathing place under threat of hard thinking, one of the prime of manning the hotels with whites in toto—a thing that has been almost accomplished anyhow.

The howl that the Negroes raised was quieted down by a threat to take away their means of subsistence and here "above the Mason and Dixon line" where "rights" can be "demanded," the Negroes and their champions have submitted to segregation. The thing that troubles this writer and that should give the leaders greatest concern, is how can those lost places of employment be retrieved? This is the only question that the Elk leaders and all others should ponder.

We need places of employment more than we do display for every display calls for economic assurance a thing that is being taken away gradually even as it is illustrated in Atlantic City where Negro help in the hotels is being gradually discarded. The great question that should have actuated the Elk leaders is whether the parade will help or hinder the situation as it affects the entire Negro population of Atlantic City and elsewhere.

A Fortunate Break

Then too, Atlantic City is the playground for the people of means among the white race and the impression made there will be far-reaching. Fortunately for the cause of Elkdom and the race, the parade was tame this year in comparison with other years. Most of the parade and pageantry was made up of lodges from nearby cities where the cost of transportation was not much of an item. The parade was almost local in make up with New York and Philadelphia making greatest display.

The Elks who stayed at home helped cover the grave blunder on the part of the Elk chiefs. The "Stay-At-Home-Elks" have done the cause of Elkdom and the race a great service simply by not answering a call that was at best of questionable value at a time like this. The full force of such occasion with their splendors and pretentions comes home to the lowly Negro and not the ones fortunately abe to make the display.

Those To Be Considered

There are a few Negroes in position to "parade" and these can get by handsomely, but those upon whom they feed cannot get by so handily and it is these who ought to be most considered in calling for these great displays.

The Negro race is learning and these hard times are causing a lot of hard thinking, one of the prime results of which has been the casual response to the Atlantic City call of the chief of Elkdom. This writer attended in order to observe and his great observation is, the "Stay-At-Home Elks" made the Atlantic City meeting a great success!

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FISHERMEN PUT OFF BIENNIAL MEET TO 1934

NEW YORK—In a proclamation sent to all of the lodges of the Grand United Order of Fishermen, Thomas W. Turner, national grand master, has ordered that the 28th Biennial session scheduled for August 7 to 12, be postponed to 1934.

The meeting was set to be held in Philadelphia in less than a month and had been voted upon at the last grand lodge meeting in 1930, at Lawnside, N.J.

According to the proclamation, the 1934 sesion will be held during the second week in September at Philadelphia. The order for the postponement will not affect the holding of state conventions.

In the proclamation it is urged that each state hold its convention at the time scheduled before the national postponement and report the annual head taxes to the national grand secretary, Miss Emma M. Lockery.

A meeting of the cabinet is scheduled for August 31. The national staff consists of the following:

Thomas W. Turner, national grand master; John F. Crowner, national deputy grand master; Hattie B. J. Butler, national grand associate; Emma M. Lockery, national grand secretary; Adelade E. Sadler, national grand recording secretary, Nettie C. Holland, national grand treasurer; H. H. Dennis, national grand chaplain; W. G. Price, national grand orator.

The board of directors: G. A. Ewell, Ada Bryant, Maud Howard, Mrs. Leon Bryant, Mrs. N. Taylor, the Rev. R. Wilson.

The Baltimore session for all the state of Maryland will be held July 29th.

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Grand United Order of Moses.

VISITORS NIGHT PROGRAM BRINGS BOTH RACES TO MOSES' HALL

Staff Correspondence

CHARLOTTE C. H., Va.—The visitor's night program, which for the past three years has been the unofficial opening of the annual conclave of the Grand United Order of Moses, while in itself an highly entertaining feature is especially outstanding for the inter-racial good will it arouses throughout Charlotte County and vicinity.

The program is sponsored, more or less, by the glee club of the high school and is largely literary and musical. The white people of the community come out in large numbers and the meeting turns into one of mutual interest to both groups.

Every year many prominent white citizens take part. John Engle Brooks, musician and composer, in commenting on the contribution of the Negro to the world of music said that while it is not yet probable, he was of the opinion that a Beethovan will someday appear in the group.

Inspect Building

After the program of spirituals and readings from Negro and white authors and composers, the white visitors were escorted through the spacious and yearly improving refectory and kitchen of the Moses Hall and auditorium.

In this modernly equipped place is installed the latest improvements. There is, in addition, well stocked and ventilated pantries, light and airy kitchen facilities and the complete water and power plant of the premises.

That the growth of the community around the G. U. O. of M's holdings is an asset to the county was attested to by the comments and endorsements of the whites in reference to the order's projects in the offing.

The growth and supervision of the plant comes largely under the influence and untiring efforts of Mrs. Zena Jeffress, the wife of the leader of G. U. O. of M.

It is also left to the planning and foresight of Mrs. Jeffress to arrange accommodations for the large number of visitors and delegates who are on hand during the conventions.

Taking leading parts on the visitor's night program were the Misses Ethel and Maud Ragsdale, daughters of the grand secretary. The former is one of the clerks employed in the offices of the order and the latter attends Union University.

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Grand United Order of Moses.

HOLDINGS OF GRAND UNITED ORDER OF MOSES HAVE POTENTIAL VALUE OF OVER A QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS

Leadership Of The Rev. J. Murray Jeffress, Founder And President Of The Lodge, Hailed Bv His Followers

Staff Correspondence

CHARLOTTE COURTHOUSE, Va.—On a four-hundred acre estate in Charlotte County, the community holding of the Grand United Order of Moses approximate a cash value which might have in better times exceeded a quarter million dollars.

Considering that the Negro community at Charlotte Court House has been built around a fraternal society's holdings and that it is mainly by its influences and functioning that the group morale and welfare is governed, one might come to see the important part which it plays in the lives of the inhabitants and community as a whole.

It is through this insight of the situation in its entirety that one naturally thinks of those governing and guiding the workings of the fraternal institution there.

Has High School

Charlotte Court House maintains the only training and high school in the county for Negro students. The colored populace came to acquire this school only after dint of much sacrifice and unerring diplomacy on the part of some leader. It is hard to find any person who would deny that anyone in Charlotte County has done and contributed as much to the welfare of his people as the Rev. J. Murray Jeffress, president and founder of the G. U. O. of Moses.

Only he in his attendant selfless spirit of modesty would deny that of himself. What he has done is a great contribution but his guiding foresight is even a greater asset to his community. Dr. Jeffress is a graduate of Howard University and Hampton Institute.

About The Estate

The building contracts and business management of the G. U. O. of Moses' affairs have always been placed by him just where the dollars would do the most good to the community as it is related to his influences. The Moses Hall and auditorium contains the largest assembly room in the county. Its dining hall has a seating capacity of over two hundred.

Perhaps the home economics training department of the high school is the most unique feature of the colored public school system here. In a model home erected at a cost of $2,100 the colored girls of the community get practical experience in home planning and housekeeping.

School Is Accredited

For one or more weeks during the school term a group of girls have complete charge of this home. Buying, budgeting and arranging is all in their care. The community high school is state accredited.

The latest efforts of the grand leader of the Moses' is directed toward completing the home and hospital project. This health move will eventually culminate in a retreat for the old and infirm of the order and the community. It will also embrace the establishment of a baby rest room."

Mothers with young children will come to this room for rest and receive hygenic and proper care and instruction under trained supervision.

Farms and Power Plant

Under the guidance of Dr. Jeffress and with the support of the lodge and the community this project will come under the direction of the new resident-physician.

In addition to these projects the offices of the order maintains several farms and a few upon which are tenants. They employ five year-round clerks and have an electric and power plant which at one time furnished light and power to the township nearby.

The spiritual strength of the outstanding person in Charlotte Courthouse regulates and controls the tenor of the colored community. The ideals of the fraternity are the real light of the community which surrounds its holdings, while the whole order revolves around "Edgewood," the home of the leader of the Moses

HEAD OF MOSES PRAISES VISION OF THE PIONEER

Wants His Order To Cultivate Same Spirit To Conquer

Staff Correspondence

CHARLOTTE C. H., Va.—In his annual address to the assembled delegates and visitors from the 250 lodges of the Grand United Order of Moses, Dr. J. Murray Jeffress, worshipful grand leader, stressed the necessity of "Looking Forward," the topic of his speech.

"It is the God-given privilege of all people to be able to look forward," he began. "Looking forward is one of the great joys of life when happily anticipating victory as one presses toward a goal."

Speaking of the outlook of the order he said, "We have carefully watched the signs of the times in order to keep our fraternal business at its peak, and passing through this period of economic stress has not been discouraging. We have been looking forward. We have learned to get a great deal of joy out of hill climbing; it has caused us to settle down and go forward slowly and thoughtfully.

Prepared For Depression

"In these times each obstacle surmounted on the road to recovery gives greater strength and courage to overcome the next. Depressions warn that we must stay prepared for unforseen difficulties.

"The G. U. O. of M. is therefore stronger and sounder," he said, "for having come thus far through the depression. God is to be thanked for this experience."

He added that the financial and business structure upon which the fraternity was founded is able to withstand the acid test of today because it has invested and functioned only upon sound business principles.

"With numerical increase and financial growth there comes inevitable responsibilities plus some services to be rendered," he declared, "and for this reason our home and hospital project should be kept ever to the fore in each lodge and district convention," he added.

Pleads For Vision

Quoting that "Where there is no vision the people perish," the speaker continued: "It was vision that led the pioneers, those hardy vanguards of American western civilization, to press on with unremitting toil, conquering the wild and unseen. The visionary foresight of Moses saved Israel when God would have destroyed them.

"Without leadership and unity any people will perish," he concluded, at the same time calling upon the members of the order to acquire a brighter and fuller vision—"A vision that will impart to one the pioneer spirit to press on and take in new terirtories, new obligations and a stronger sense of duty to fellow men."

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Grand Fountain, United Order True Reformers.

MANY ATTEND 52ND ANNUAL SESSION OF TRUE REFORMERS

Richmond Bureau
504 N. Third St.

RICHMOND. — The fifty-second annual session of the Grand Fountain, United Order True Reformers, and the twenty-seventh annual session of the Rosebud Division convened here last week in their hall on North Second Street. Lee Trent is grand worthy master of the order and Mrs. L. L. Stanard is grand worthy secretary and treasurer.

The session of the Rosebuds was called to order Monday, by the president, Mrs. E. M. Scott, after which followed the roll call of officers, devotionals by the prelate, greetings from the president, appointment of committee on credentials, and the reading of the reports of Mrs. Eliza Norrell, grand worthy governess of the Rosebud Division, and Mrs. E. J. Cosby, secretary.

The officers of the Rosebud Division include: Lee Trent general superintendent; Mrs. Eliza Norrell, G. W. governess; Mrs. E. M. Scott, president; Mrs. E. J. Cosby, secretary; Mrs. L. L. Stanard, G. W. secretary-treasurer.

Worthy Master Presides

The Grand Fountain Convention proper opened Tuesday morning at 10 a. m., Worthy Master Lee Trent presiding. The first order of business was the roll call of officers, followed by devotional exercises, conducted by G. W. Chaplain, Rev. Sheridan Carter, Washington, D. C. Next was an address by Grand Worthy Master Lee Trent. The session adjourned after the appointment of the various committees.

Tuesday afternon session opened at 2:30 p. m. After devotional exercises, minutes of the morning session were read, greetings were read, greetings were received from the various delegates, reports of committees were read, followed by the qualifying and passing out of new delegates, reports of the grand worthy master and the grand worthy secretary-treasurer. After the appointment of various committees the session was adjourned.

The public meeting was held Tuesday night, beginning at 8:30 p. m. Preliminaries over, the welcome address was delivered by John F. Brown, with response by Eudell Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa. These were followed by an address by the Rev. S. L. Parham, pastor Mosby Memorial Baptist Church, which was in turn followed by greetings from representatives of visiting organizations, introduction of grand officers and board of directors, announcements and adjournment.

Elect Officers

The final session opened Wednesday afternon 2:30 p. m. followed by the nomination and election of grand officers and the board of directors After these officers had been duly installed, the convention adjourned

The grand officers are: Lee Trent grand worthy master; H. H. Winters, vice grand master; Mrs. L. B. Daulton, G. W mistress; Mrs. L. L. Stanard, G. W. secretary-treasurer; Rev. Sheridan Carter, G. W. chaplain; Rev. R. L. Moorefield, G. W. guide; Mrs. L. D. Hodge, G. W. A. guide; Mrs. Maria Yancey, G. W. R. herald; Mrs. S. G. Jefferson, G. W. L. herald; Mrs. Julia D. Smith, G. W. sentinel; Mrs. Fannie Patterson, G. W. P. guard; Mrs. Eliza Myers, P. G. W. mistress; Mrs. Eliza Norrel, G. W. Governess.

The board of directors include: Lee Trent, Mrs. L. L. Stanard, James East, Mrs. Eliza Norrell, Mrs. S. E. Ray, Rev. J. K. Smith, Eudell Williams, Mrs. M. A. G. Reid and Frank Foaman.

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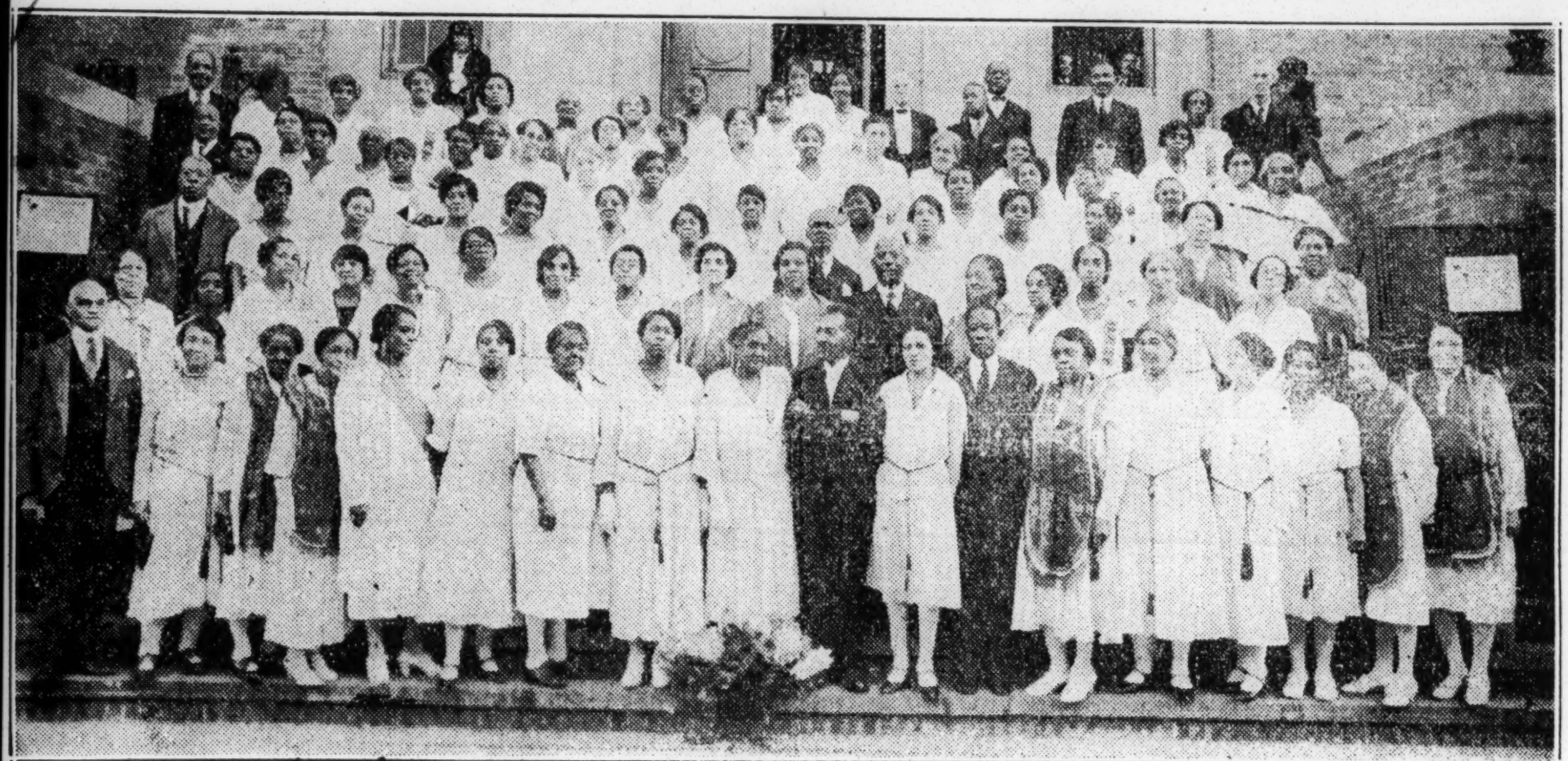
Heroines of Jericho.

HEROINES OF JERICHO MEET



Officials, delegates and members of the Most Ancient Grand Court of the Heroines of Jericho which met in this city on Monday and Tuesday in the Sixth Annual Grand Session of the State of Pennsylvania. The woman standing directly over the bouquet of flowers in the front row is Most Ancient Grand Matron Heroine Blanch P. Nottingham; the man standing next to her is Grand Joshua Brother A. P. T. Ttephenson.—Photo by B. F. Kutcher.

34 Courts At Heroines Of Jericho Convention Here

Philadelphia Tribune 9-29-32

The Most Ancient Grand Court of the Heroines of Jericho held its sixth annual grand session last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Fitzwater and Mole streets.

Thirty-four courts were represented at the conference at which more than 50 delegates from all sections of the state attended. The sessions got under way last Sunday night when memorial services were conducted in the Cathedral for the fallen members of the organization.

The business session opened Monday morning with Most Ancient Grand Matron Blanche P. Nottingham presiding. Business of importance was transacted and constructive work of the organization was planned.

New By-Laws Voted Upon

In the afternoon the delegates took the floor and presented several new by-laws of the conference which were voted upon. Last Monday night the first public meeting was held. A pageant was presented by one of the Main Line courts, in which more than 100 persons took part. After the pagean the public was invited to attend th annual grand ball.

The sessions closed last Tuesday night with the Feast of the Passover The officers of the Most Ancient Grand Court are Most Ancient Grand Matron Blanche P. Nottingham; Heroine Minnie Floyd, Grand Senior Matron; Brother A. P. T. Stephenson, Grand Joshua; Heroine Hattie A. Francis, Grand Treasurer; Heroine Emma T. Banks Secretary; Heroine Amanda Brooks Grand Senior Attendant; Heroine Anna Mae Watkins, Grand Junior Attendant; Heroine Edith Benn, of Coatesville, Grand Registrar; Heroine Cordelia Woodard, Grand Inner Gate Keeper; Heroine Lulu Smith, Grand Outer Gate Keeper. The Grand Ark Bearers are: Heroines Selena Harridy, Mary Stansbury, Etta Moorfield, and Bertie Chunkleton, of Pittsburgh; the Grand Court Directors are Brothers Edward Van Dyke, Melvile Welsh, and Franklin Harridy; and Heroine Mary Marshall of Pittsburgh, is the Grand Deputy.

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Independent Order of Good Samaritans.

SAMARITAN HEAD ENDS TOUR OF THE COUNTRY

Afro-American
8-6-32
Baltimore

NEW ORLEANS—Dr. A. W. Brazier, national grand sire of the Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria of North America, Central America Isthmus of Panama, Canal Zone, the British West Indies, and Adjacent Islands, has just returned from an extensive itinerary of Samaritan grand jurisdictions in the North and East.

Despite the economic conditions he reports that the Samaritan aggregation is carrying on in a remarkable way. Through the courtesy of the officers in their respective jurisdictions, he has been able to discover the fundamental needs of the Order. Messrs. Moore and Clark of Pennsylvania; Burney and Foster of New Jersey; Holder and James, of New York; Delain and Miss Diggs, of Massachusets; grand chiefs and grand secretaries, respectively, their associates and the host of loyal members are giving themselves almost entirely to the program that is being launched by the National Grand Lodge, and it is being expected that the forthcoming session which convenes in Boston, next August, will be one of the most constructive ,if not the most constructive, in all its history.

Receptions, banquets and musical programs of various types, calling together some of the best talents in these jurisdictions, were notable evidence of loyalty and enthusiasm, and demonstrated the fact that the Order is active.

Among the objectives which the Order is endeavoring to develop, the sire laid emphasis on health and education, stating that ill health and ignorance are handicaps to any people. In this respect he said:

"Our people are dying faster than they should. Diseases once unknown have become our most formidable enemy, simply because of the lack of observance of the laws of hygiene and sanitation. Our babies die in a vastly greater ratio than other babies because expectant mothers have not yet learned the importance of motherhood in the pre- as well as in the post-natal state.

"Therefore, it remains for the members of our Order, as Good Samaitans, to enter into this large field of humanitarian needs and service, and contribute in their humble way of their energy and substance so that ignorance might be eradicated and good health promoted in race and nation to the end that youth may be adequately trained for fine and worthy citizenship."

Advocates Insurance

The sire advocates some form of insurance protection for the National Grand Lodge and believes that through this medium the Order will not only serve the members in a fraternal way, but that in a very definite and specific manner it will care for its needy as well as provide for the beneficiaries of its deceased members.

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I. O. ST. LUKES HONOR MYRTLE B. ANDERSON

Journal and Guide

Name New Council After Orator-Lawyer

By JAMES F. SCOTT

RICHMOND—To serve as an outlet for youthful energy in civic and intellectual interests and in honor of the well-known New York orator-lawyer, a new council of the Independent Order of St. Luke was organized here Tuesday evening, Aug. 30, and named the Myrtle Bernice Anderson Council.

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Its membership is made up of young people past the juvenile age who have been meeting together for some time at the home of Mrs. Lelia Bankett, who is the founder of the new group.

Norfolk Va.

The council hopes to give to the youth of the city opportunities that they have long sought in fields of interest not purely social, and to extol the spirit of progress, zeal for the truth, loyalty and service, ideals that have been stressed in the lives of both the founder and Miss Anderson.

Among the participants in the formal launching of the Myrtle Bernice Anderson Council were the honoree, who spoke and was the recipient of two tokens of appreciation, one from the body and another from Attorney James F. Carter; Dr. D. M. Hayes, who delivered the installation address; Benjamin Deane, Miss Florence Smith, Atty Carter, Mrs. Bankett, and Mrs. Ella Waller.

The officers of the new council are: Mrs. Alma F. Lucas, chief; Floyd Dawson, vice-chief; Miss Cora White, recording secretary; Miss Myrtle B. Anderson (of Richmond), financial secretary; Miss Grace Washington, treasurer; Worthy Jones, outside sentinel; Miss Louise Twiddy, inside sentinel; James F. Scott, chaplain; Mrs. Lelia W. Bankett, worthy mother; Atty. Myrtle B. Anderson, advocate. The council is open for more members

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MEMBERSHIP OF ORDER GROWING, REPORTS SHOW

35th Grand Lodge Session Held At Blackstone, Va.

Special to Journal and Guide

BLACKSTONE, Va.—The Supreme Grand Lodge Knights of Gideon held its 35th annual grand lodge session here with Blackstone Union Lodge No. 340, August 10-12th. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. J. Mainor, supreme commander, of Norfolk. The meeting was largely attended and much enthusiasm and hope was manifested for the future of the organization.

The report of the supreme scribe, F. E. Puryear, was a most complete document and showed a large increase of membership and several new lodges organized despite unfavorable economic conditions.

All Claims Paid

The report also showed that every death claim had been paid to date with a substantial balance on hand.

The deputies throughout the jurisdiction reported progress and exhibited optimism for the future advancement of the order.

Pubic Sessions Well Attended

Public sessions were held nightly and were largely attended by the delegates and public in general.

Dr. A. J. King, pastor of Wellville, Va., delivered the annual sermon. It was a masterpiece of its kind. His subject was "Organization, Its Object, Aims, and Purposes."

The people of Blackstone were most hospitable and spared no pains in making the delegates and visitors comfortable and happy.

W. H. Stokes, deputy commissioner, and Lincoln Stokes, deputy marshal were much in evidence in the arrangements and plans for this meeting and are to be congratulated upon the splendid results.

Parade Staged

On Friday at 4 p. m., headed by the White Band of Blackstone, a great parade was held. Men and women, appropriately dressed and arrayed in their regalia, marched through the principal streets of Blackstone, and made an impressive showing which brought forth many favorable comments on the order.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: the Rev. J. J. Mainor, supreme commander, Norfolk, Va.; Rev. George R. Jones supreme vice commander, Suffolk; Mrs. Cora A. Briggs, supreme senior, McKenney; E. J. Puryear, supreme treasurer, Norfolk; F. E. Puryear, supreme scribe, Norfolk; the Rev. R. A. Freeman, deputy prelate So. Capron, Va.; S. S. Bailey, grand master at arms, Almagro, Va.; Mrs Laura Fultz, grand inner guard Roanoke, Va.; R. W. Wallace, grand outer guard, Toana, Va.; Lincoln Stokes, grand marshal, Blackstone; Mrs. M. E. Miller, Norfolk; Mrs Minnie Seaton, Cape Charles; and C. H. Kellum, North, Va., supreme board directors.

Juvenile Department

Report of the work of the juvenile department was given by Mrs. M. E. Miller, grand supervising mother. This report showed some work had been done and that the department was holding its own despite conditions. The workers were loyal and enthusiastic and outlined plans for the new year's work.

The session adjourned after a most helpful and encouraging session, with every delegate pledged to work harder during the coming year which a determination to put over a bigger and broader program for the Knights of Gideon than ever before in the history of the organization.

Resolutions of thanks and commendation were adopted, and Mrs. Cordelia Green, chairman of the housing committee was given a rising vote of thanks for the splendid manner in which her committee worked and for the very fine homes which they secured for the accommodation of the delegates.

The visitors left for their several homes, early Saturday morning, very happy over the splendid session, its accomplishments, and the harmony that prevailed throughout the meeting. The next meeting will be held in 1934 at a place to be decided later.

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Knights of Pythias.

PYTHIANS ARE COMING HOME; DISPENSATIONS ISSUED; OFFICE FORCE BUSY

Every officer at the headquarters of the Knights of Pythias of Alabama in the Pythian Temple, 310 North 18th Street, has been busy for the past week checking in and checking out matters affecting the Endowment Department.

On last Wednesday, September 14, Judge William Walker entered his formal decree accepting the resignation of William H. Carter, who has been acting temporary receiver for the Endowment Funds for nearly 18 months. This decree turns these funds and properties into the hands of the regularly constituted officers. The job has been to get things lined up so as to begin dispatching business in a normal and satisfactory way. It is believed that before the close of this week all officers will be functioning in their proper places, and a program for rehabilitation will then ensue in a big way.

In the meantime, Grand Chancellor Oscar W. Adams continues to issue special dispensations. He is accepting engagements to meet lodges and the public covering most every section of the state.

When seen by the writer the Grand Chancellor said: "We have not made up any itinerary for seeing the members or meeting the lodges for this fraternal year. This has been delayed because of many things, but especially because of the receivership. Now that this part of the work has been turned over to us as officers, I shall endeavor within a short while to work out an itinerary in an effort to see the entire membership. Certainly we are pleased to be privileged by the court to carry on the business of the Order by the as directed by the Grand Lodge. This does not mean in any sense that we are making any adverse criticism of the receiver secured by the Complainants, but it does mean that regardless of whoever the receiver may be, and how well he may perform his duties. a receiver in a large degree offers some handicaps to a solvent and going concern.

"I feel very hopeful for the future. There has already been seen a finer spirit and a more pleasing interest on the part of the members wherever I have been able to meet and talk with them. The Pythians are coming home. They can't stay away, you may depend on that."

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ALA. SUPREME COURT REVERSES DECISION IN SUIT OF PYTHIANS

MONTGOMERY, Ala., June 2 — (Special) — The Supreme Court of Alabama on last Thursday made a very important ruling in the colored Knights of Pythias case which has been before the various courts of Alabama since 1926.

According to the State Supreme Court, here, Judge Leon McCord of the Montgomery Circuit Court, was without authority to appoint a receiver, ruling that his court was without jurisdiction, and that certain monies that had been spent under his administration must be returned to the Order for the benefit of the Negro policyholders of that fraternity.

It will be remembered that R. A. Blount, former Grand Chancellor, and his associates, engineered a scheme through certain of their friends in Montgomery County to have a white man take charge of the Order and operate it in all of its departments. This was after a number of complainants, headed by Oscar W. Adams, editor of The Birmingham Reporter, had driven them to the walls, and through certified accountants had discovered a shortage by the mismanagement and misappropriation of funds by the former Grand Lodge officers to the amount of $249,000.

A writ of prohibition was issued against Judge McCord and his receiver on Nov. 22, 1931 by the Supreme Court, which order staid the hands of the lower court and its agents, and the forces headed by Oscar W. Adams took from the hands of the receiver $60,000 in cash, and bonds and mortgages to the amount of $50,000, and other property and assets aggregating more than $500,000.

According to legal advice here the 40 or more thousand dollars in cash left in the hands of the receiver will be turned over to the proper authority of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Alabama, and the Court's order directing the refund of the money illegally spent by the receiver is estimated to be around $35,000. In this amount are $7,023.03 paid to R. A. Blount, ex-Grand Chancellor, by the receiver and $2,210.47 paid to W. H. Brazier, ex-Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; $6,892.97, which was illegally paid out to banks on notes of R. A. Blount and his associates.

In the closing paragraph of the opinion of the Supreme Court these words are found:

"For the reasons which we have indicated, we find that there was also error in the final decree of June 18, 1931, from which the appeal was taken in ordering payments out of the mortuary funds of additional sums to cover the salary of Blount, Brazier, Mabry, Sheppard, Mason, Smith, Brown, Weaver, Kigh, Ward and expense incurred by them or any of them."

The records in this controversy disclose that nearly $40,000 was spent by U. G. Mason, former endowment treasurer of the Order, on lawyers alone, and large sums were paid to persons who were regarded as his henchmen and go-betweens in the insurance department. The whole scheme, it is believe, was laid in error, it is charged, because of the grafting attitude of U. G. Mason, at one time a popular physician and surgeon of Birmingham. People all over the district are in an attitude of great rejoicing and it is believed that but for the attacks and continuous exposures through the Birmingham Reporter against grafting officers the Knights of Pythias in Alabama would have been dead sometime ago.

HIGH COURT ENDS SERIES OF LAWSUITS

Important Ruling Gives Order's Business Back To Negroes

ALA. EDITOR VIGILANT

All Monies Misspent Must Be Returned To Society

Special to Journal and Guide

MONTGOMERY, Ala—Over five hundred thousand dollars in cash and other assets have been taken out of the hands of a white receiver and turned over to the constituted authorities of the Knights of Pythias of the State of Alabama, as the result of an important decision handed down Thursday of last week by state supreme court, making a victory for Pythians here, and ending a case which has been in courts for over a year.

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It will be remembered that R. A. Blount, former Grand Chancellor, and his associates were able through certain of their friends in Montgomery County to have a white man take charge of the order and operate it in all of its departments.

High Loss Reported

This was after a number of complaints, headed by Oscar W. Adams, editor of The Birmingham Reporter, had through certified accountants discovered a reported shortage by the mismanagement and misappropriation of funds by the former Grand Lodge officers to the amount of two hundred and forty-nine thousand ($249,000) dollars.

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According to legal advice here the forty or more thousand dollars in cash left in the hands of the receiver will be turned over to the proper authority of the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of Alabama, and the Court's order directing the refund of the money illegally spent by the receiver is estimated to be around thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000).

How Money Went

In this amount are $7,023.03 paid to R. A. Blount, ex-Grand Chancellor, by the receiver and $2,214.47 paid to W. H. Brazier, ex-grand keeper of records and seal; and $6,892.97 which was illegally paid out to banks on notes of R. A. Blount and his associates.

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S. W. Green, Head of Knights of Pythias and a Life-long Member of Republican Party, Bolts Hoover

Age
New York City N.Y. 7/9/32

NEW ORLEANS, La.—S. W. Green, supreme grand chancellor, Knights of Pythias, president of Liberty Industrial Life Insurance Co., and a delegate to the last Republican National Convention at Chicago, created a sensation here on Saturday, July 2, by making public an open letter to Frank C. Labit, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee in which he gave ten reasons why he could not support President Herbert Hoover for re-election. Mr. Green's letter, in part is as follows:

7/9/32

I shall not vote for the re-election of President Hoover, next November, for the following reasons:

First: He has discriminated against colored Republicans by refusing to appoint them to any office in the South, except Postmaster in towns composed of colored people.

Second: He has steadfastly refused to appoint qualified colored men or women to officers in the North in which the advice and consent of the Senate was required, except in two or three instances.

Third: He has discriminated against colored Republicans by refusing to appoint them to membership on any of his numerous boards and commissions, except in one or two instances when he appointed what was practically "Jim Crow" Boards or Commissions.

Fourth: In his appointments to Federal offices in Georgia, he has ignored the National Republican Committeewoman—Mrs. George S. Williams—against whom there was not a scintilla of evidence for charges in the handling of Federal patronage, and in which state there was no National Committeeman recognized at that time.

New York City
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Fifth: In his appointments to Federal offices in Mississippi he has ignored the Honorable Perry W. Howard, National Republican Committeeman, and Mrs. Mary C. Booze, National Committeewoman.

Sixth: He has disregarded the Constitutional requirement to report to the Congress the state of the country by ignoring the numerous cases of lynching in which my racial group were the most numerous victims.

Seventh: He ignored and trampled upon the rights and privileges of the colored citizens of this country by insisting upon the confirmation of Judge Parker of North Carolina, to the Supreme Court Bench of the United States, over the protests of all of the colored organizations and the leading colored men and women of the United States, after it had been shown that Judge Parker, in a public address, had expressed opposition to the use of the ballot by colored people.

Eighth: Through his Secretary of War, the Honorable Patrick J. Hurley of Oklahoma, he humiliated and insulted the Gold Star Mothers of the colored race by sending them to France on inferior and "Jim Crow" ships to visit the graves of their sons who made the supreme sacrifice for their country.

Ninth: Te has displayed race prejudice by refusing to be photographed with delegations and commissions composed of colored people, while graciously consenting to be photographed with other racial groups of delegations and commissions.

Tenth: Through his Postmaster General, the Honorable Walter F. Brown of Ohio, he ignored and trampled upon the rights and privileges of the Regular Republicans of Louisiana, whose delegates were composed of substantial business men and women, white and colored, by denying them representation in the Republican National Convention just held in Chicago, and seating in their stead periodic Republicans who are "Lily Whites" in Louisiana and "Black and Tans" in Chicago.

I have been a life long Republican. Have never voted any other than a Republican ticket. I was an enthusiastic supported of Hoover for President in 1928. I am opposed to the reelection of Hoover for President in 1932.

I am sorry the Republican party has made it impossible for me to vote for their candidate for President in 1932.

No colored man or woman can vote for the reelection of President Hoover, without sacrificing his or her pride and self respect. I am still a Republican, but not a "Hoover Republican."

Yours very truly,
S. W. GREEN.
Member of Republican State Central Committee and delegate to National Republican Convention in Chicago, June 1932.

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Masons

MASONIC NOTES

By BERTRAM L. BAKER

A LETTER FROM HARRY A. WILLIAMSON

Age 12-3-32

New York, N. Y.

Rt. Wor. Harry A. Williamson is Past Deputy Grand Master, and Past Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge (Prince Hall) of the State of New York. He is also an author of note, and a recognized authority on Masonic history and jurisprudence. One of the most interesting evenings of my life was spent in his home. It was my privilege on that occasion to examine several rare volumes and other precious articles of Masonic nature. I scrutinized the catalog of his library and noted listed. 571 items, including books, manuscripts, proceedings of various Grand Jurisdictions, periodicals, jewels, badges etc. It was also my privilege to see several evidences, in the form of letters, autographed photographs, etc., of the cordial relationship existing between himself and many distinguished White Masons in this country and abroad. To receive a complimentary letter from this Brother, and to have him back up my efforts in the field of Masonic History, is to me an honor of which I may well be proud. Bro. Williamson's letter follows:

Mr. Bertram L. Baker, Editor,
Masonic Notes,
The New York Age.
Dear Brother Baker:

I have read with no small degree of interest your contributions bearing the caption of "Facts versus Fiction," and take this opportunity of complimenting you upon the excellent presentation of the several topics. I fail to observe that you have, in any manner attempted to evade a single point brought to your attention, rather it would seem other matters have been introduced for purposes of embarrassment, and while I have no desire to compel you to enter into an extended controversy about a subject that is so thoroughly understood by competent students of Freemasonry, I crave permission to comment upon related mat ters appearing outside of your column.

My only criticism of your contribution is, greater emphasis might have been placed upon that portion having reference to the line of demarcation between the methods, customs and usages of the 18th and the early portion of the 19th centuries as distinguished from those of the latter portion of the 19th century and of the present era. Retroactive reasoning in the interpretation of laws and regulations is an error made by most every writer upon this subject. Some have fallen into this error intentionally while others have done so because of lack of knowledge. It must be borne in mind that the Freemasons of the colonial period were more interested in "precept and practice" than in rules and regulations and they would probably have viewed with much concern any inclination toward the stringent laws which came into existence at a later period. This line of demarcation in customs, usages, etc., is now admitted to be reasonable by writers of the present era, because these are not so blinded with race prejudice. This I am able to attest because of correspondence and personal contact with a number of the best know of modern American historians.

In a previous issue a correspondent refers to a statement appearing in E. L. Hawkins' "A Concise Cyclopedia of Freemasonry" to the effect that at the time of the Union of the rival English bodies in 1813, the "Moderns" surrendered to the "Ancients". I have the Hawkins volume but fail to note anything startling in that assertion. As a reliable and critical historian, Robert Freke Gould (also an Englishman), stands out pre-eminently and nowhere in his "History of Freemasonry," revised edition, does any such statement appear. In his book "The Arcane Schools" by John Yarker, considerable space is given to a discussion of the Union in 1813, and no such statement can be found. Yarker does state that as its share of Lodges, the "Moderns" contributed 388, while the "Ancients" could list only 260 Lodges. The same author likewise says, that the Grand Master selected at the time of the Union was H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex, who had been installed as Grand Master of the "Moderns" on May 12, 1813, while consummation of the Union of the rival English jurisdictions was not effected until December 27th following. These facts do not appear much like a surrender.

Reference has been made to the writings of George Thornburgh and Dalmar D. Darrah. Of the two I know the latter is now Fraternal Correspondent of the white Grand Lodge of Illinois. Both writers exhibited considerable race prejudice and no critical student places any reliance in any of their works. The proceedings of Illinois are full of exhibitions of race prejudice by Darrah while he was Grand Master. As Masonic authors both occupy a mediocre position. Your correspondent may be interested to learn other writers possessing similar sentiments were: Aaron Goodrich of Minnesota; Frederic Speed of Mississippi; G. Frank Gouley of Missouri; Albert Mackey of South Carolina; William S. Gardner of Massachusetts; George W. Baird of the District of Columbia; Albert Pike of Arkansas, and a host of others. Pike admitted the legitimacy of the Negro Masons but gave expression to the famous statement, that he took his obligations to white men and not Negroes and that when he had to choose between Negro brothers and leave Masonry, he would leave it.

Should your correspondent desire the unbiased expressions and technical discourses by white historians, will suggest "Light On A Dark Subject" and "Grand Lodge Sovereignty and Allied Subjects" both from the pen of Wm. H. Upton of Washington State; "New Day—New Duty" and "The St. Andrews' Lodge of Boston" both by John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary of Ohio (see proceedings for 1875 and 1876); "Negro Masonry" by Joseph Robbins, Fraternal Correspondent of Illinois (see proceedings for 1898 and 1899); "Colored Masons and Colored Masonry" by Chas. Griswold, Grand Master of Minnesota (see proceedings for 1876); "An English View of Freemasonry in America" by Geo. William Speth, (Seattle, Wash. 1898); "Colored Masonry" also by Speth and published in The Canadian Craftsmen, Toronto, Ont., November, 1899; and a host of others.

Now for our purpose a few Negro writers will suffice: "The Negro Mason In Equity" by Samuel W. Clark of Ohio, 1885; "Prince Hall and His Followers" by George W. Crawford of Connecticut; "The Origin and Objects of Ancient Freemasonry," etc., by Martin R. Delaney, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1853; "Caste Among Masons" 1866, and "Masonry Among Colored Men In Massachusetts" 1874, both by Lewis Hayden of Boston; "An Argument in Relation to Freemasonry Among Colored Men in this country," etc., by John Jones of Ohio, 1866; also works by other Prince Hall Masons which space precludes mentioning. Some of the above can be found in the reference section of the 135th Street Branch of the New York Public Library, in the Schomburg collection of Negro Literature and Mrs. Schomburg himself will be pleased to show them to any inquiring individual.

Mention has been made of Ars Quatour Coronatorum, Vol. 36, Part 1, London, (1923). This is a review of William H. Grimshaw's volume "A History of Freemasonry Among the Colored People of North America." It is one of the most severe and critical reviews of any book on Freemasonry it has been my privilege to read. There is nothing startling in the remarks of the reviewer, William J. Songhurst, who for years was Secretary of Quatour Coronati Lodge of London, because every critical student of Freemasonry, black or white, and who has ever read the Grimshaw book, is well aware it is full of glaring inaccuracies and mis-statements. Because of these facts, the publishers have long since removed it from their catalogues and but few copies remain.

Quoting from your correspondent who says in part: "We can fool some of the people some of the time but we cannot fool all of the people all of the time," one is impressed with the lack of sincereity behind such quotation. Historians of the Prince Hall Craft have no desire nor intention to fool anybody nor to evade any issue concerning its history whether right or wrong. We have nothing to hide but we do say that critics are always very joyful in attempting to find flaws in our claims but in no instance have I ever seen any of the same critics rush into print to present evidence of the regularity in origin and subsequent progress of their so-called Masonic bodies. If such persons have indisputable evidence to substantiate their claim to an honorable and legitimate ancestry, why do they fail or refuse to put their cards upon the table for everybody to see. Our's are there, where are those of the critics?

HARRY A. WILLIAMSON

Secret Societies-1932

MASONIC LODGE ADOPTS SHRINE PROJECT.

Afro-American

WASHINGTON—The Masonic Grand Lodge approved the plans of Grand Master Frank D. McKinney at a special meeting, Friday, for the conversion of the local Masonic temple into a national shrine, and authorized the appointment of a commission to carry the project into effect.

The grand lodge also approved the proposition of asking a donation of $10 from each member of the fraternity, the amount to be impounded in a local bank and used in acquiring title to the temple premises.

Past Officers Honored

Past officers of the Eastern Star Grand Chapter were guests of honor at vesper services, Sunday, a capacity audience filling the Eastern Star chamber.

The program included an invocation by the Rev. Julius S. Carroll; addresses by Grand Master Frank D. McKinney, Grand Matron Josephine C. Butts, Past Grand Matron Elizabeth Ross and Grand Conductress Jennie B. Lee; history of the grand chapter by Past Grand Matron Julia A. Pugsley; reading by Past Matron Amanda F. Forrest.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles E. Stewart, of Baltimore. By special request, the Rev. Mr. Stewart also rendered a vocal solo. The Eastern Star chorus also gave selections. Greetings from Maryland were presented by Past Grand Matron Anna C. Smith, of the Maryland Grand chapter.

The guests of honor included past grand matrons and patrons: Julia A. Pugsley, Georgia B. Henry, Eva L. Brown, Oceana Brooks, Ella V. Campbell, Mary E. Taylor, Anna M. Gray, Bertha Gray, Ida A. Young, Minnie B. Smoot, Lucy A. Stewart, Marie L. Johnson.

Elizabeth Ross, Louise Henderson, Daisy L. Booker, Marion S. Lewis, Emma P. Williams, Joseph V. Getts, William H. Jackson, William A. Baltimore, Elias G. Evans, Samuel Becks, W. Henri Gordon, and Raymond J. Weir, who is also reporter of Masonic activities.

Past Grand Matron Marie L. Johnson presided as mistress of ceremonies.

Charter Members' Night

Naomi Chapter No. 9, Eastern Star, will honor its charter members, Friday evening, when a special program will be rendered for their entertainment under the direction of Royal Matron Virgie A. Charleston.

Thirty-third Anniversary

Prince Hall Chapter No. 5, Eastern Star, observed its thirty-third anniversary with appropriate ceremonies, Monday. Royal Matron Philetus M. Norris presided.

W.H.C. BROWN WILL HEAD $300,000 CORPORATION

Washington Tribune 4-15-32

Temple Now In Hands Of National Benefit. May Be Secured For $300,000

At a meeting held here Tuesday and Wednesday, a National Shrine Commission was formed with W. H. C. Brown, president of the Industrial Savings Bank, as president, with the view of purchasing and making the Masonic Temple, a National Shrine for Masons. The commission will incorporate under the laws of the State of Delaware for $300,000 with shares to sell at $10. Other officers are Frank D. McKinney, grand master of the District of Columbia, vice-president; Willard W. Allen, grand master of Maryland, secretary; Cicero A. Lee, assistant secretary; James T. Beason, treasurer; and Fred W. Dabney, grand master of Missouri, chairman of the board of directors. This board is composed of 32 members, with 17 grand masters, the officers elected and other members of the craft.

Grand Master F. D. McKinney opened the meeting Tuesday. He read letters from various grand masters who could not be present. They endorsed the proposed plan for a national shrine and promised moral and financial support.

He then introduced W. H. C. Brown, as temporary chairman, who outlined the plan and asked that a permanent organization be effected at this meeting. Mr. Brown said, "No fraternal effort ever produced the devotion which entered into the erection of this temple on the part of the Masons of the District of Columbia. If we can regain the title of this magnificent temple, you of Acasia Grand Lodge will not have labored in vain." Mr. Brown promised that every dollar placed with the commission will go for the redemption of the building and the expense to be raised separately so that every dollar invested in the proposed $10 shares will go for the redemption of the temple. He also promised that unless title could be secured to the temple property for $300,000, not one dollar of the stock would be spent, but returned to the subscribers.

Other speakers who endorsed the plan and pledged their support were Grand Master McKinney, of the District of Columbia; W. W. Allen, Grand Master of Maryland; Fred W. Dabney, Grand Master of Missouri; Jefferson Coage, Recorder of Deeds; D. M. Dent, representing the Georgia jurisdiction; Mrs. Josephine Butts, grand royal matron of the District; Mrs. Mary

PRESIDENT

W. H. C. BROWN, president of the Industrial Savings Bank, who was elected president of the $300,000 National Shrine Commission.

WILLIAMS RE-ELECTED TO HIGH MASONIC POSITION

Houston Informer 8-20-32

Shreveport, La., Aug. 11.—G. C. Williams of this city who was recently ousted as state grand master of the Louisiana St. John's Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. has been reelected as head of the United Supreme Council of Negro Ancient, Free and Accept-Masons at a meeting held in Boston, Mass., according to a message received by a local newspaper.

Supreme Council of Masons Close 51st Annual Session

Chicago Defender 5-14-32

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 13.—The 51st annual session of the United Supreme council of Scottish Rite Masons of the 33d degree for the northern jurisdiction, Prince Hall affiliation, convened at its cathedral here May 9 and 10. Preceding the formal opening of the session there was the usual memorial exercises on Sunday afternoon in the senate chamber. Jefferson S. Coage, recorder of deeds and a member of the order, delivered the memorial address.

A Masonic pageant entitled, "The Immortal Fifteen," was presented by the temple choir of New Haven, Conn. This pageant, in five episodes, was given in colonial costumes and depicted the incidents connected with the founding of the first Race lodge of Masons in Boston in the year 1775. The production was staged and directed by J. McLinn Ross of the New Haven consistory, who is one of the two Race students in the department of drama at Yale university.

The regular business sessions opened Monday at 10 a. m. when the annual adress by Dr. Sumner A. Furniss of Indianapolis, Ind., sovereign grand commander, was delivered.

Monday night a large class was initiated into the 33d degree after which the regular initiation smoker and collation was held. The triennial election was held Monday and the following officers elected for the next three years: Dr. Sumner A. Furniss, sovereign grand commander, Indianapolis; George W. Crawford, lieutenant grand commander, New Haven, Conn.; James E. White, grand minister of state, Chicago; William A. Heathman, treasurer general, Providence, R. I.; Dr. Conwell Banton, secretary general, Wilmington, Del.; Harry Knight, recording secretary, Philadelphia, and Howard Gould, grand keeper of archives, Philadelphia.

MASONS OF NEW HAVEN 'OUTLAWED'

4-27-32

Court Enjoins Lodge Allied With Hiram Grand Body Here

New Republic 5-4

The claims of the Free and Accepted Masons that organizations other than those allied with the Prince Hall faction are spurious, got judicial sanction in the State of Connecticut last week.

The case was that of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Connecticut, Inc., against a group of men who had formed Mount Massiah Lodge No. 1 A. F. and A. M., in New Haven, allied with the Hiram Grand Lodge, A. F. of A. M. of this city. The latter lodge is an incorporated body in New York State.

In October George W. Crawford, a New Haven attorney, acting for the F. and A. M. Grand Lodge, haled the officers of Mount Massiah Lodge, headed by Ernest Mills, into the Court of Common Pleas of New Haven county on charges that they were using the names, badges, emblems, insignia, paraphernalia, symbols, words and signs commonly known and recognized by members of Free and Accepted Masons unlawfully. He charged that the body was organized wholly illegally, was spurious, and without authority to conduct a fraternal organization under any name, style or designation of a lodge of Free Masons; and that they were without right to any of the practices of a lodge of said fraternity. To these charges the Hiram Grand Lodge men entered a general denial, except to admit that they had formed a lodge in New Haven on July 1, 1930.

Argument was finally heard before Common Pleas Judge Munger on March 29 and last week he handed down his judgment. Judge Munger makes a sweeping acceptance of all the allegations made by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He ordered Ernest Mills and the others named, members of the "so-called Mount Massiah Lodge No. 1 A. F. and A. M. individually and collectively, as members of said organization," to refrain and desist under penalty of two thousand dollars, "from appropriation, using or employing in the State of Connecticut the ritual, ceremonies, or any insignia, name, emblem, badge, symbol, sign paraphernalia, words, designation or description whatsoever used by the lodges of Freemasons."

The judge also enjoined them from using the name "Mount Massiah Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M." or the words, "Ancient Free and Accepted Masons," "Free and Accepted Masons" or the initials; from engaging in any Masonic practices and from holding themselves out as a lodge of

SHRINERS' 1932 MEETING IS CALLED OFF

Baltimore,

The 33rd Annual Imperial Council Session of the Shriners has been called off for 1932, it was learned here today (Friday).

This action has been taken as a result of a poll of all Temples of the order started on June 14. The referendum vote on the holding of the session of the Imperial Council showed that there was an overwhelming majority in favor of calling off the meeting scheduled for Philadelphia.

The Imperial Divan will hold a special meeting in Philadelphia on August 6, in which the Divan will hear the report of the committee of three appointed to audit the accounts of the council.

This action does not provide for a meeting next year but definitely puts an end to preparations for a meeting this year.

Royal Arch Masons Call Off Triennial Session

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The International Conference of Royal Arch Masons has followed the lead of variosu other fraternal organizations nd called off their conference which meets every three years and was scheduled for August 15 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, S. H. Crowder, president, announced Thursday. The reason given is the same as has aldeady been offered by other organizations, that is that the depression makes it inadvisable to hold a conference with its large expenditures.

Depression Hits Masons; Call Off Big Conference

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Origin of Negro Masons

Editor of The New York Age:

In last weeks' New York Age, under the caption of Masonic Notes by Bertram L. Baker and sub-caption "Facts versus Fiction," Mr. Baker said that the statement concerning the virtual surrender of the "Moderns" to the "Ancients" in 1813 is so misleading that it will be necessary for him to enter into the history. Mr. Baker is dodging the vital issues and needs light, more light and further light in Masonic history. We can fool some of the people some of the time but we cannot fool all the people all the time.

To make a long story short and for the edification of Mr. Baker, please get a copy of "A Concise Cyclopedia of Freemasonry" by E. L. Hawkins, secretary of Oxfordshire England, turn to page 19—"Ancient Masons." Also read about "Negro Masonry," page 162. Read the History of Freemasonry by George Thorburgh, page 169; Evolution of Freemasonry by Darrah, and Reviews in vlumne XXXVI, part 1, page 108, of the transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, A. F. and A. M., London, England, and you will have food for thought.

But above all, don't forget to publish in The Age next week, "Ancient Masons", page 19, so that all our readers may know the misleading party. Truth is light.

Constant Reader.

New York City.

MASONIC NOTES

By BERTRAM L. BAKER

Freemasonry Among American Negroes

FINAL INSTALLMENT.

The white Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey for a number of years was subjected to severe criticism from Sister white Jurisdictions, for its retention of Alpha Lodge on its roll after the admission of colored men into that lodge. Mississippi and Oklahoma actually severed fraternal recognition with New Jersey, but Oklahoma, however, decreeing that every Freemason from the Grand Jurisdiction of New Jersey would be welcomed into Oklahoma Lodges "excepting the members of Alpha Lodge."

It may be of interest to note that Union Lodge No. 18 at Halifax, Nova Scotia, composed entirely of Negroes, is under the write Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. This lodge was founded by the Grand Lodge of England and retained its connection with that body for a number of years before becoming a part of the Nova Scotia Jurisdiction.

Spurious Masonry.

This is i subject in itself, and no attempt will be made to go into it at length here. It is timely, however, that mention be made of the fact that, like their white brothers, Negroes have this problem to contend with. There are several so-called Masonic bodies among Negroes, not of Prince Hall origin, and with no connection with any other regularly constituted body. Negroes, unacquainted with the history of the order are easily misled into joining these spurious organizations. In the majority of states, Prince Hall Masons use the letters F. & A. M. In Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Virginia however, the Prince Hall Masons use the letters A. F. & A. M. The spurious bodies concentrate on the states which use F. & A. M., and cunningly insert in their title A. F. & A. M., thereby confusing the brother coming from the regular A. F. & A. M., jurisdictions.

What Has Been Accomplished.

In the United States there are 37 regularly recognized Soverign Prince Hall Jurisdictions, the oldest of which is Massachusetts There are between 9,000 and 10,000 subordinate lodges. The approximate value of real and personal property is between $3,000,000 and $4,000,000. The amount of charity dispensed annually is estimated at $400,000. Several jurisdictions maintain Masonic Homes for aged members of the craft, their widows, and other relatives.

In Canada there is one Grand Body of Prince Hall affiliation, that is, "The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ontario." The Jurisdictions of Washington and Minnesota also have warranted lodges in Canada.

In South Africa, Ethiopia Lodge, No. 75 holds a warrant under the Grand Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Some of the most prominent men of the race have come from the ranks of the fraternity.

Non-Recognition by White Jurisdiction.

While it is a fact that in the United States none of the white jurisdictions extend fraternal recognition as a body to the Prince Hall Jurisdictions, yet in all fairness to the white brother it must be stated that in many instances individual recognition is accorded. This condition of non-recognition proves nothing so far as the regularity or legitimacy of Prince Hall Masnory is concerned. It does prove however, that there is an overwhelming majority of that class of Masons which the late Grand Master William H. Upton (white) of the State of Washington referred to as "a determined and implacable and well organized band of men who have determined that, rigrt or wrong, Mason or no Mason, come what may, the Negro shall not be recognized by American Grand Lodges."

No well informed Mason today questions the legitimacy of Prince Hall Masonry. Every possible objection that was ever raised has been successfully broken down. Defeated on every point, the white objector takes cover under that "bugaboo" social equality, and here again he is routed with the words of Grand Master Upton: "It is not true that Masonry compels me to recognize every Mason as my social equal; or to take him into my family or my lodge. For though all Masons are as brethren upon the same level, yet Masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before; nay rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners. If the law of Freemasonry excludes Negroes you do well to object to their presence. If it does not, and you are unwilling to submit to its laws, Freemasonry can do well without you,—is better off without you,—though you represent a dozen Grand Lodges and carry half a million so-called masons with you. Masonry does not exist to vindicate the supremacy of the Caucasian race, and the man who is particularly fearful of losing his social standing is usually the man whose social standing rests on a very unsubstantial foundation."

In Conclsuion.

Prince Hall Masonry goes on its way, proud of its origin and zealously guarding its original charter issued by tre Mother Grand Lodge of Freemasonry of the World,—The Grand Lodge of England. This charter is in the custody of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. In due process of time, a new day may dawn which will lead white Aemrica from "darkness" to "light."

THE END.

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FISHERMEN IN SESSION, REPORT NO DEFICIT

Afro-American

Encouraging reports of Maryland lodges featured the meeting of the Maryland jurisdiction of the N.G. U.O. of Fishermen of Galilee at the Good Hope Hall, last Friday.

This was the 28th annual communication of the order.

The reports showed that despite the economic conditions the order has maintained its numerical and financial standing to an encouraging degree.

Elective officers who will manage the affairs for the next twelve months are:

S. G. M., Alfred Nixon; S. G. Association, Emma McLurkin; S. G. O., Alvi Diggs; S. G. R. S., Mary Dennis; S. G. Mar., James Derry; S. G. R. S. to G. M., Rachel Langley; S. G. R. t. S., G. Assoc., Clara Gumby; S. G. O. G., Robert Brown; A. D. G., Mistress, Annie E. Hammond; S. G. Chap., John Fountain; S. G. F. S., Emma O. Cook; S. G. T., Sarah Reed; S. G. Cond., Martha Henson; S. G. L. S. to G. M., Viola Boyd; S. G. L. S., to G. Asso., Octavia Parker; S. G. I. G., Bertha Waters.

Special guests at this session were: N. D. G. M. John F. Crowner; N. G. Orator William G. Price, N. G. Cond. Eula F. Taylor.

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A. W. HOLMES IS GRAND MASTER OF NATIONAL IDEAL BENEFIT SOCIETY FOR 21ST CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Dr. W. T. Johnson Is Pinch-Hitter For Mayor Bright

Richmond Bureau
504 N. Third St.

RICHMOND—At a public meeting sponsored by the National Ideal Society and the Ideal Nursery Guardians in connection with their twentieth annual convention held here last week, a crowd which filled the large first floor auditorium of the Fifth Street Baptist Church to hear the Honorable J. Fulmer Bright, mayor of the city, found that, as is usual with Negro gatherings, he was conspicious by his absence.

Dr. Bright, however, did not choose to disappoint his audience entirely. Dr. W. T. Johnson, pastor First Baptist Church, called to ascertain from the Mayor if he was going to attend the meeting. It was lucky for the Mayor that Dr. Johnson called at his office, for he immediately absolved himself of all responsibility by proceeding to appoint the eminent pulpiteer as acting mayor to serve in his stead.

Dr. Johnson in commenting on the unusual situation seemed proud of the fact that he had the honor of being the first Negro to serve as acting mayor of the city of Richmond.

Never Addressed Negroes

"I don't think that any Negro organization can boast of having had the mayor present, but I had hoped that the Notional Ideal Society would have the honor of presenting him for the first time and that I would have the honor of introducing him," said Dr. Johnson. "The Mayor said he promised 'conditionally' to be here, but said it was impossible for him to be here and asked me to represent him—so I represent the Mayor."

Representing the mayor, Dr. Johnson said: "This is a municipality by the name of Richmond; it has an executive officer by the name of J. Fulmer Bright, who disappoints his audiences sometimes, but who sent his colored representative toni[illegible]"

Dr. Johnson told his hearers that there wsa city hall here containing courts, which he hoped none of them would have occasion to visit; that there was a state library situated in Capitol Square which they could "pass through" and state legislative halls which they could also "pass through." He told them also of the jails and the penitentiary, and, on the whole, made a good "pinch-hitter" for the Mayor.

Others On Program

Others on the highly enjoyable program were: Hon. James T. Carter, who delivered the principal address; Rev. C. C. Boone, who responded to the address of Mr. Carter; Prof. J. S. Lee, Newport News, who was to have responded to the address of the Mayor and who delivered a very timely short address; Mrs. Olivia W. Smith, who sang, "It Pays To Serve Jesus"; and A. W. Holmes, supreme master, Rev. W. H. Manokoo, pastor Bethel A. M. E. Church, and James F. Scott, son of the pastor of the church, who made brief remarks.

Music was furnished by the National Ideal Choir, under the leadership of S. L. Johnson; scripture reading by the Rev. S. C. Burrell, secretary Y. M. C. A., and the benediction by the Rev. R. Beecher Taylor, supreme chaplain of the order.

Officers Elected

A. W. Holmes was elected for the twenty-first time to head the organization, and again without any opposition. Other officers for the ensuing year are: L. C. White, vice supreme master; M. E. Overton, supreme mistress; Sallie B. Cogbill supreme secretary; Olivia W. Smith assistant supreme secretary; T. L Beverly, supreme treasurer; Rev. R. B. Taylor, supreme chaplain; Walter Baddy, supreme right herald; Rosa B. Atkins, supreme left herald; John L. Holmes, supreme right guide; Maud A. Morrisette, supreme left guide; Samuel Dennis, supreme sentinel; W. J. Majors, supreme outer guard; Lucinda J. Carter, past supreme mistress; Ellen B. Taylor, honorary past supreme mistress.

On the board of directors: A. W. Holmes, L. J. Carter, J. R. Hicks, S. B. Cogbill, T. L. Beverly, L. C. White, Ellen B. Taylor, Cora L Jenkins, John S. Powell, Rev. W. L. Anderson, George A. Arvin, Fannie H. Ricks, B. W. Perkins, Amos C. Clark, Olivia W. Smith, executive secretary.

Officers of the Nursery Department: Fannie H. Ricks, president; M. E. Overton, first vice-president; Susie Fowler, second vice-president; Nannie Bracey, third vice-president; Octovia Parker, prelate; Jessie B. Taylor, secretary Jennie Saunders treasurer; Rosa V. Allen, conductor; Edna C. Brown, assistant conductor; Mary E. Page, inside guard; Clemmie L. Perkins, directress.

Ideal President

A. W. Holmes, businessman and civic leader, of Richmond, was elected for the twenty-first consecutive year as the executive head of the National Ideal Benefit Society.

Final Session

B. L. Jordan, Secretary-Manager of the Southern Aid Society, was the principal speaker. Other speakers representing every section of the country were also heard on this memorable occasion. Hon. A. W. Holmes, Supreme Master, was master of ceremonies.

Certificates of honor were awarded leaders in the Victory Campaign which marked the celebration of the twentieth birthday of the organization, by Peyton Brown of Newport News. The campaign, which added more than 1,000 new members to the order, was directed by Amos C Clark, of Richmond, State Deputy

All In Family

Both, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Jordan who are lifelong friends, referred in their remarks to members of the National Ideal Society and the Southern Aid Society as being "all in the family.' The brotherly love and unity, so aptly referred to by Mr. Jordan at the beginning of his discourse, permeated the closing session throughout.

The only change made in the official staff of the supreme lodge was the elevation of B. W. Perkins, of Richmond, to the position of vice supreme master succeeding L. C White, of Hampton, Va., who formerly held the position.

MAYOR ABSENT AS USUAL

LAST week in Richmond a large number of Richmonders and hundreds of delegates attending the twentieth annual convention of the National Ideal Benefit Society were disappointed again when Hon. J. Fulmer Bright, mayor of the city, at the last moment decided that he could not attend and delegated a Negro preacher to represent him. In describing the incident, the reporter used the phrase, "as is usual," and on that expression hangs our story. It is not because Mayor Bright did not go to that particular meeting last week, but it is because it has become the "usual" thing for mayors to refuse to address audiences of colored citizens that we make note here.

The National Ideal Benefit Society is composed of thousands of respectable people in Virginia and several more thousands out in nearby states; a respected citizen of Mr. Bright's own city has been its executive head for twenty years, and during the two decades of the organization's existence it has contributed to the city's coffers through the taxes levied on its holdings—notwithstanding, the mayor cannot find time to put in his presence. With an organization of the integrity and usefulness of the National Ideals, we asure him that not only would he have honored the occasion but he would have honored himself.

But, Mr. Bright is not alone. All over the south there are public servants who, because they are short-sighted or afraid of a public sentiment which may not even exist, adopt a policy of ignoring Negroes and playing safe by not meeting with them.

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Richmond Bureau
504 N. Third St.

RICHMOND—At a public meeting sponsored by the National Ideal Society and the Ideal Nursery Guardians in connection with their twentieth annual convention held here last week, a crowd which filled the large first floor auditorium of the Fifth Street Baptist Church to hear the Honorable J. Fulmer Bright, mayor of the city, found that, as is usual with Negro gatherings, he was conspicious by his absence.

Dr. Bright, however, did not choose to disappoint his audience entirely. Dr. W. T. Johnson, pastor First Baptist Church, called to ascertain from the Mayor if he was going to attend the meeting. It was lucky for the Mayor that Dr. Johnson called at his office, for he immediately absolved himself of all responsibility by proceeding to appoint the eminent pulpiteer as acting mayor to serve in his stead.

Dr. Johnson in commenting on the unusual situation seemed proud of the fact that he had the honor of being the first Negro to serve as acting mayor of the city of Richmond.

Never Addressed Negroes

"I don't think that any Negro organization can boast of having had the mayor present, but I had hoped that the Notional Ideal Society would have the honor of presenting him for the first time and that I would have the honor of introducing him," said Dr. Johnson. "The Mayor said he promised 'conditionally' to be here, but said it was impossible for him to be here and asked me to represent him—so I represent the Mayor."

Representing the mayor, Dr. Johnson said: "This is a municipality by the name of Richmond; it has an executive officer by the name of J. Fulmer Bright, who disappoints his audiences sometimes, but who sent his colored representative toni[illegible]"

Dr. Johnson told his hearers that there wsa city hall here containing courts, which he hoped none of them would have occasion to visit; that there was a state library situated in Capitol Square which they could "pass through" and state legislative halls which they could also "pass through." He told them also of the jails and the penitentiary, and, on the whole, made a good "pinch-hitter" for the Mayor.

Others On Program

Others on the highly enjoyable program were: Hon. James T. Carter, who delivered the principal address; Rev. C. C. Boone, who responded to the address of Mr. Carter; Prof. J. S. Lee, Newport News, who was to have responded to the address of the Mayor and who delivered a very timely short address; Mrs. Olivia W. Smith, who sang, "It Pays To Serve Jesus"; and A. W. Holmes, supreme master, Rev. W. H. Manokoo, pastor Bethel A. M. E. Church, and James F. Scott, son of the pastor of the church, who made brief remarks.

Music was furnished by the National Ideal Choir, under the leadership of S. L. Johnson; scripture reading by the Rev. S. C. Burrell, secretary Y. M. C. A., and the benediction by the Rev. R. Beecher Taylor, supreme chaplain of the order.

Officers Elected

A. W. Holmes was elected for the twenty-first time to head the organization, and again without any opposition. Other officers for the ensuing year are: L. C. White, vice supreme master; M. E. Overton, supreme mistress; Sallie B. Cogbill supreme secretary; Olivia W. Smith assistant supreme secretary; T. L Beverly, supreme treasurer; Rev. R. B. Taylor, supreme chaplain; Walter Baddy, supreme right herald; Rosa B. Atkins, supreme left herald; John L. Holmes, supreme right guide; Maud A. Morrisette, supreme left guide; Samuel Dennis, supreme sentinel; W. J. Majors, supreme outer guard; Lucinda J. Carter, past supreme mistress; Ellen B. Taylor, honorary past supreme mistress.

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Officers of the Nursery Department: Fannie H. Ricks, president; M. E. Overton, first vice-president; Susie Fowler, second vice-president; Nannie Bracey, third vice-president; Octovia Parker, prelate; Jessie B. Taylor, secretary Jennie Saunders treasurer; Rosa V. Allen, conductor; Edna C. Brown, assistant conductor; Mary E. Page, inside guard; Clemmie L. Perkins, directress.

Final Session

B. L. Jordan, Secretary-Manager of the Southern Aid Society, was the principal speaker. Other speakers representing every section of the country were also heard on this memorable occasion. Hon. A. W. Holmes, Supreme Master, was master of ceremonies.

Certificates of honor were awarded leaders in the Victory Campaign which marked the celebration of the twentieth birthday of the organization, by Peyton Brown of Newport News. The campaign, which added more than 1,000 new members to the order, was directed by Amos C Clark, of Richmond, State Deputy

All In Family

Both, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Jordan who are lifelong friends, referred in their remarks to members of the National Ideal Society and the Southern Aid Society as being "all in the family.' The brotherly love and unity, so aptly referred to by Mr. Jordan at the beginning of his discourse, permeated the closing session throughout.

The only change made in the official staff of the supreme lodge was the elevation of B. W. Perkins, of Richmond, to the position of vice supreme master succeeding L. C White, of Hampton, Va., who formerly held the position.

Ideal President

A. W. Holmes, businessman and civic leader, of Richmond, was elected for the twenty-first consecutive year as the executive head of the National Ideal Benefit Society.

MAYOR ABSENT AS USUAL

LAST week in Richmond a large number of Richmonders and hundreds of delegates attending the twentieth annual convention of the National Ideal Benefit Society were disappointed again when Hon. J. Fulmer Bright, mayor of the city, at the last moment decided that he could not attend and delegated a Negro preacher to represent him. In describing the incident, the reporter used the phrase, "as is usual," and on that expression hangs our story. It is not because Mayor Bright did not go to that particular meeting last week, but it is because it has become the "usual" thing for mayors to refuse to address audiences of colored citizens that we make note here.

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If there was not so much official snobbishness, Negro citizens would feel more like they are a part of their cities and states and could nationally known editor-owner of the Richmond News-Leader and descendant of one of the best families of Virginia, work with committees and "buckle down" to work for their welfare, but find time to appear before colored audiences by bread alone; the little unofficial kindnesses help also.

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[illegible]nd United Order of Odd Fellows Postpones Holding 26th B. M. C.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The 26th Biennial Movable Conference of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America and Jurisdiction, scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., August 8 to 12, has been postponed until August 15, 1934, as a result of action following a meeting Wednesday, July 13, of the committee of management in its general headquarters, 12th and Spruce streets.

In a proclamation, the committee of managemnt stated that the Order is without debt and the financial condition without impairment but that "the conservation of the Order's fund and resources is a grave and important matter. It costs and takes from the Order's money more than $50,000 to hold a small B. M. C.—not counting the loss of time of the delegates and visitors. In addition to this an expenditure of over $10,000 is cast upon the committee of management in printing, preparing for, and attending the B. M. C."

The proclamation stated in part:

PROCLAMATION

"To the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America:

"The Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America is composed of men and women of classes, but largely of those who are engaged in gainful occupations and labor.

"Inability to obtain employment is generally prevalent throughout most of the States of this Union.

Economy Neceshary

"The failure of many of the banking institutions in divers cities and towns has caused loss to many men and women in all parts of the country. The necessity of a general tendency to begin to economize is apparent.

"The cost of sending a delegate to the B. M. C. or Grand Household of Ruth falls upon the lodge or household electing such delegate, and thereby almost directly upon its membership.

"The first duty of every lodge and household is to be ready, willing, and able to take care of its sick and distressed members, and to bury its dead. When the treasury of these bodies is heavily drawn upon to do these things, the costly things that can be—without hurt to the Order—should be dispensed with.

"B. M. C.'s, Grand Households of Ruth, together with Past Grand Masters Conferences, and Grand Patriarchy convocations are required for the enactment of new laws when needed and the selection of new officers.

"This Order has had its present officials for many years—its Grand Master for more than twenty years; its Deputy Grand Master for over 15 years; Its grand treasurer for over 15 years; its grand secretary for over 25 years, and its youngest Grand Director, in point of service, for over six years; and its present grand auditors for more than 10 years.

"There has been submitted for consideration of the B. M. C. but seven propositions—none of which is urgent or which affects the Order's welfare.

"The wise and considerate Odd Fellow and inmate want to conserve the funds of their lodges or households to the end that the sick may not go without their just dues, and that the cry of the widow and orphan and the distressed member and inmate may not go unheeded.

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"With these and many other matters in view, we give heed to the urge, insistence, and request of the representatives of our membership to postpone the meeting of the B. M. C., Grand Household of Ruth, Past Grand Masters Conference, and Grand Patriarchy.

"Now, therefore, we, the Committee of Management of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America, at a regular meeting held in the city of Philadelphia—at its general headquarters— on the 13th day of July, A. D. 1932, do heerby declare that the present financial and industrial condition is a grave and important matter, and we therefore put off and postpone the meeting of the B .M. C., Grand Household of Ruth, Past Grand Masters Conference, and Grand Patriarchy (heretofore called to meet in the city of Washington, D. C., on Monday, August 15, 1934; and we hereby call said bodies to assemble in the said city of Washington, D. C., on Monday, August 15, 1934; and we hereby call said bodies to assemble in the said city of Washington, D. C., on Monday August 15, A. D. 1934."

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ST. LUKES CHANGE 1933 CONFAB FROM NEW YORK TO RICHMOND

Richmond Bureau
504 N. Third St.

RICHMOND—On account of the prevailing economic conditions, the sixty-sixth annual convention of the Independent Order of St. Luke will not be held next year in New York, as was decided upon by the Grand Council in 1931. Instead the 1933 session will be held here in August.

This was the most outstanding piece of legislation enacted at the sixty-fifth annual convention which came to an end last week after an interesting series of meetings at the St. Luke Building on St. James Street, here.

Detailed Report Heard

R. W. G. Chief, Annie E. Rice, Baltimore, Md., presided and the following trustees were present to receive reports and enter into deliberations for the good of the order: R. W. G. secretary-treasurer, Maggie L. Walker; trustees, Sallie B. Pree, Josephine D. Cannady, Rev. W. T. Johnson, Junius Gray, Sallie W. Dickerson, William H. Hughes, J Thomas Hewin, Josie A. Graham, M M. Peace, George W. Coleman, Florence McCoy, Ella O. Waller, Rosa E Watson, Frances Cox.

Juvenile, Mildred McCormick, Mary J. Smith, Mary V. Binga, R. W. G. J. directress; Maria E. Burke, general field secretary; Lelia W. Bankett; chief superintendent deputy, John S. Collins.

Detail reports from all divisions of the organization were presented and commended for the praiseworthy achievement wrought during times of stress.

Varied Program Noted

The R. W. Grand Council I. O. St. Luke through its R. W. Grand Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, made known that it has paid 22,695 death claims to the amount of $2.270.080.14: written more than 103,000 memberships; offers protections for the entire family in policies ranging from $50 through $500, augmented with weekly sick dues; that it has growing juvenile and adult department, and that it sponsors an educational loan fund and health features.

Standing at the head of the organization for the past 35 years has been its inspiration and leader, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker. In these passing years under her leadership the order has grown from a 10-cent wicker basket of supplies to a modern four story building, home office valued at $140,000; from 57 councils to 2,077 subordinate councils and juvenile circles; from $31.66 assets and $500 indebtedness to the accumulation of $450,000 in assets and the employment of clerks and field workers passing the 200 mark.

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Royal Order of Moose.

White Order of Moose Seeks Injunction

1-26-32

New York.

The Supreme Lodge of the Royal Order of Moose, the international fraternal organization of which U. S. Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania is the head, has filled a suit in the Supreme Court of New York City against the Independent Protective Order of Moose of New York, Inc., and the Queen Esther and Rebecca chapters of the same organization—colored branches of this organization.

The suits seek to enjoin the defendant organization from the use of the name "Moose" and from employing any mooselike emblem or design in advertising matter.

The Independent Protective Order of Moose was organized by Negro women and was incorporated in 1927 under the laws of New York State

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Greek Letter Organizations End Their Annual Five-Day Holiday Conventions

Amsterdam News 1-6-32

A. K. A.'s to Go to Los Angeles in August; Alpha Fraternity Selects St. Louis for Next Session; Delta, Chicago

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—The fourteenth annual boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority convened here from December 28 through 31 with Sigma Omega and Omicron chapters as hostesses. At the business sessions, all of which were held in McMiken Hall of the University of Cincinnati, there were in attendance 177 registered delegates from the eighty-five chapters of the sorority, though more than 200 sorors were in the city at the time.

The body voted to hold its next meeting from August 13 to 17 in Los Angeles, Calif., with the eight chapters of the Far West entertaining. The sorority's third $1,000 foreign fellowship, which is awarded biennially, went to Miss Merze Tate of Alpha Mu Omega chapter in Indianapolis. She plans to study history at Oxford or London University.

Other awards included the local scholarship cup to Omega Omega of Philadelphia, a foreign fellowship cup to Alpha Mu Omega of Indianapolis, and an achievement cup to Alpha Kappa Omega of Houston, Texas.

Miss Maude E. Brown of Louisville, Ky., who was the first anti-basileus, succeeded Mrs. Maudelle Bousfield of Chicago as the national basileus. Miss Hattie Jones Edwards of Indianapolis is now the first anti-basileus, while Miss Octavia Jones of Columbus is the second anti-basileus. Mrs. Margaret Davis Bowen of this city, who was the general chairman of the 1931 boule committee, was elected national grammateus, succeeding Mrs. Gladys A. Pullum, who was defeated in the race for basileus. Miss Alice Magee of St. Louis succeeds Mrs. Theresa C. Alexander as the national epistoleus.

The persons re-elected to a national office include Mrs. Ethel Hedgeman Lyle of Philadelphia, honorary basileus and founder of the sorority, who remains the tamiouchos; Mrs. Jessie H. Roy of Braddock, Pa., editor-in-chief of The Ivy Leaf; Mrs. Thelma Berlack-Boozer of New York City, director of the North Atlantic region; Dr. Zenobia G. Gilpin of Richmond, Va., director of the South Atlantic region; Mrs. Carolyn S. Blanton of Louisville, Ky., director of the Southern region, with Misses M. Viola Butler of Houston, Texas, and Clara Dogan of Marshall, Texas, as deputies in this territory.

Also Miss Blanche L. Hayes of St. Louis, director of the Central region; Miss Theresa Barker of Kansas City, Mo., director of the Mid-Western region; Miss Ida L. Jackson of Berkeley, Calif., director of the Far Western region. Mrs. Mattie D. Jackson of this city was elected to direct the Great Lakes region, succeeding Mrs. Bowen.

Mrs. Bobbie Beatrix Scott of Washington, D. C., a former national basileus of A. K. A., was the principal speaker at the public meeting on December 28 at the Annie Laws Memorial Auditorium at the University of Cincinnati.

The social activities of the week included a formal reception and a closed A. K. A. formal banquet at the Women's Building of the university; a joint informal dance with Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at the Savoy; the closed formal dances of both Alpha Kappa Alpha and Alpha Phi Alpha at the Greystone Building; Delta Sigma Theta's Dawn dance at the Palm Grove.

Two buses loaded with sorors made a pilgrimage to Paul Laurence Dunbar's home and grave in Dayton, Ohio, and to Wilberforce University on New Year's Day.

The sorority contracted for and presented a half hour's program over Station WLWL on last Wednesday afternoon. When the chairman of the finance committee went to tender a check in settlement of the bill, the station manager said, "There is no charge. Accept this courtesy as a donation from the station to your sorority."

A. Phi A.'s to Go To St. Louis, Mo.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.—Alpha Alpha chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity was host at the silver anniversary of the first Greek organization for Negro college men here from December 28 to 31 inclusive. There were 95 delegates at the convention and more than 200 fraters in attendance.

Dr. Charles H. Wesley of Howard University in Washington was elected general president of the fraternity. Thomas Henderson of Union University in Virginia is the Eastern general vice-president. Charles Greene of Atlanta and Mr. Cardoza of Ohio University were re-elected Southern and Western general vice-presidents, respectively.

Joseph H. B. Evans, formerly of Atlanta, but now of Washington, was returned to the office of general secretary. Attorney Percival Piper of Detroit is the organization's general easurer. P. Bernard Young, Jr., of orfolk, Va., was re-elected editorn-chief of The Sphinx. Mr. Carroll of Kansas City, Mo., is the director of educational activities.

The lay members of the executive council are B. Andrew Rose of Dayton, Ohio, who was last year's general president, Mr. Lovelace of this city and William Randolph of Pittsburgh. Alpha Phi Alpha's biennial session in 1933 will be held in St. Louis.

Dr. W. E. B. DuBois of New York City was the principal speaker at the fraternity's public meeting on Monday night. Attorney Myles A. Paige and James Leonard Lewis of New York City were the official delegates from Alpha Gamma Lambda and Eta chapters of New York City, respectively.

Delta Sigma Theta In Biennial Confab

NASHVILLE, Jan. 1.—Holding its eleventh national and its second biennial convention at Fisk University here, the Delta Sigma Theta sorority was in session from December 27 through 31.

The newly elected officers of the sorority are as follows: Mrs. Gladys Shepperd, Baltimore, grand president, succeeding Mrs. Anna Thompson of Washington; Mrs. Cheat, Kansas City, Mo., first vice-president; Miss Escobedo V. Sarreals, New York City, second vice-president; Mrs. Edna Johnson, Gary, Ind., secretary; Miss Marian Palmer, Norfolk, Va., treasurer; Miss Edna Kinchean, Belmont, Texas, journalist.

Mrs. Jeanette Jones of Chicago delivered the main address at the sorority's public meeting on December 27. Dean A. A. Taylor of Fisk University extended the welcome to the visitors and sorors.

Delta will hold its next national convention in Chicago the last week of August, 1933.

Zetas Meet in Indianapalis

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 4. — Mu, Omega and Iota Zeta chapters of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority were hostesses to the twelfth annual boule of the sorority from December 27 through 30. Bishop J. W. Walls of Chicago, member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, was the principal speaker at the public meeting on December 27.

The national officers of the sorority are Mrs. Fannie Givens, Louisville, Ky., grand basileus; Miss Venitia Nichols, Atlanta, secretary; Miss Virgie Dunville, Indianapolis, local manager.

At a musicale given at the Crispus Attucks High School on December 28 the following artists appeared on the program: Mrs. Goldie Guy Martin, Chicago; Mrs. Lucretia Lawson-Love, Philadelphia; Mrs. Louise Gray, Bluefield, W. Va.; Miss Jennie V. Wilkins, Bloomington, Ind., and the Zeta Phi Beta Glee Club of this city.

Kappas Close Convention

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 4.—One hundred and seven fraters representing twenty-three chapters of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity held the twenty-first annual grand chapter meeting here from December 27 through 31.

Charleston, W. Va., was selected as the 1932 meeting place. A. Moore Shearin of Durham, N. C., grand polemarch, and his entire corps of officers were re-elected. The other officers include W. H. J. Beckett, St. Louis, grand senior vice-polemarch; James M. Coggs, Washington, grand junior vice-polemarch; J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, grand keeper of records and exchequer; T. S. Ledbetter, Atlanta, grand strategus, and L. A. Atkinson, Los Angeles, grand lieutenant strategus.

Elder W. Diggs of Indianapolis, Carl R. Johnson of this city, and Fred R. Clements of Institute, W. Va., were re-elected to the board of directors. R. S. Stoute of Tulsa, Okla., is the new member.

is now on the editorial staff of the Journal and Guide, Norfolk.

In an editorial in the University of Wisconsin Daily Cardinal, the action of the fraternity in refusing to eliminate the color ban, is vigorously flayed.

"Delta Sigma Rho," the editorial says, "can no longer be regarded as an honorary public speaking fraternity. Its retention of the clause excluding Negroes is a manifestation of an intelligence befogged to such a degree by base and primitive prejudice that intelligence seems to have no prerequisite for membership. . . . Delta Sigma Rho can now be known as the honorary windbag fraternity."

DELTA SIGMA RHO VOTE TO RETAIN JIM CROW CLAUSE

Fight Raged Around G. James Fleming, of Wisconsin University.

HONORARY BODY

Amsterdam News 2-17-32

13 Votes Killed Amendment at Nat. Meet.

MADISON, Wis.—The fight which started at the University of Wisconsin here last May over the barring of G. James Fleming, a colored student, from Delta Sigma Rho, honorary speech fraternity, took another turn last Monday when it was announced by Prof. Henry L. Ewbank, that the 58 chapters had voted to continue barring persons of African descent.

Last June an amendment was introduced at the convention by the Yale chapter which would have lifted the color bar, but the constitution specifies that thirteen or more negative votes deefat an amendment, and exactly thirteen voted against the amendment. Only about half of these were from Southern chapters.

During his three years at the university, Fleming had won the Frankenburger oratorical contest, represented the university at the intercollegiate contest, and debated on the varsity squad; and for these activities the local chapter sought to elect him, only to find that their hands were tied by the national constitution.

The Cardinal, university daily, led the fight to lift the color bar, and papers throughout the state editorially declared that an honorary organization which discriminates should not be on the Wisconsin campus.

Fleming was graduated with honors last June, being elected to one national professional fraternity, and two honorary scholarship societies, among these Phi Beta Kappa. He

The editorial praises the stand taken by Professor Henry Lee Ewbank and others who fought the color ban, and calls on the university chapter to withdraw from the national body.

Alphas Close Fine Meet In Cincy; Dr. Wesley New Prexy

Courier 1-9-32

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 7—The twenty-fifth anniversary of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity was held here from the 28th to the 31st of last month. The local chapter, Alpha Alpha, was host to the convention. Alpha Phi Alpha is the oldest Greek letter fraternity, while the local chapter is the first unit of its kind to be set up in this city with national affiliation.

On the very first day of the convention the registration and social festivities began. At 5 P. M. the local committee was host to the members of the executive council at the beautiful Hotel Manse. Covers were laid for 24, including four of the founders of the organization. At 10 P. M. a reception and dance was given at the Savoy ballroom by the local chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. Here the guests met the delegates and visitors of both organizations. The hall was beautifully decorated with colors of each organization, and their emblems flashed a welcome to all.

Tuesday, the second day, the business sessions were held. Dr. R. P. McClain, president of the local chapter, presided over the opening session. William Coleman extended a welcome to the convention. Rev. E. H. Oxley delivered the annual thanksgiving address. Dr. B. Andrew Rose, who has been general president of the organization for the past four years, presided over the convention. The public meeting was held at 8 P. M. at Union Baptist Church, of which Rev. Wilbur A. Page is pastor. The church was filled to its seating capacity, with little standing room available. T. M. Berry was master of ceremonies. Fred Hoehler, head of the Department of Public Welfare, extended the official welcome to the city. Dr. W. E. B. DuBois delivered the principal address of the evening. His subject was "Some Economic Planning for the American Negro.' Lawrence Finley presented the general officers and five of the secen founders to the public. Musical numbers were rendered by Mr. Whalen of XI chapter and H. Hannibal Hull of the local chapter. Immediately after the public meeting the symposium was held in the social rooms of the church, which, incidentally, is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. Morris Walton was master of ceremonies. The delegates and visitors were welcomed by Mr. Hull The feature of the symposium was a drawing by Mr. Young, an artist of Wilberforce University, who portrayed an idea suggested by President Rose. The drawing, with an Egyptian background, depicted the growth of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity from 1906 to 1931. While Mr. Young was completing the picture music was furnished by Franklin Caliman, after which the brothers sang the fraternity hymn. At 11 P. M. the convention was guest of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority at the annual Boule prom, held at the Greystone ballroom.

Wednesday the Armistice Club, a group of business men, entertained with a luncheon at th Y. W. C. A. Attorney Perry Jackson, general counsel for the fraternity, was the speaker. The Silver Anniversary prom was held at the Greystone ballroom from 10 to 2. The hall was magnificently decorated with a special painting and other illustrations of Egyptian setting. At 3 A. M. the brothers journeyed to Palm Grove for more merriment, as the guests of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority.

Thursday the election of officers and the annual banquet were the features. The officers elected were Dr. Charles H. Wesley of Howard University, general president; C. W. Greene, first vice president; T. H. Henderson, second vice president; W. W. Cardozo, third vice president; Joseph H. B. Evans, general secretary; Percival R. Piper, general treasurer; P. B. Young Jr. editor of the Sphinx, and M. E. Carroll, director of education. Members of the executive council are B. A. Rose, W. S. Randolph and W. N. Lovelace.

The annual banquet was held at the Ninth Street Branch of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. W. F. Jerrick of Philadelphia was the speaker of the evening. This event was marked by a great manifestation of fraternal spirit long to be remembered by those present.

Officers for the year 1932-33 were installed by Robert Ogle, one of the founders. St. Louis was selected as the next place of meeting.

The committee responsible for such a successful convention was composed of W. N. Lovelace, Lawrence Finley, William Caliman, Artie Matthews, W. N Lowe, R. P. McClain, Theodore M. Berry, W. M. Springer, Silas S. Rhodes, R. E. Beamon, M. S. Walton and H. H. Hull.

KAPPAS REELECT OLD OFFICERS, ADD ON THREE NEW CHAPTERS

Call 1-8-32 Kansas City, Mo.

By L. HERBERT HENEGAN

It was just an old Missouri custom. The hospitality, entertainment, spirit, stronger handshakes, longer lasting smiles and honest-to-goodness fellowship given visiting delegates to the Twenty-first annual Grand chapter meeting of the Kappa Alpha Psi which closed as the New Year was born, caused the 107 fraters representing 23 chapters to say unanimously that this convention was the best in the history of Kappa.

Charleston, W. Va., Next Meeting Place

A Moore Shearin, grand polemarch, and the entire corps of officers were reelected and Chaleston, W Va., was selected as the 1932 meeting place. The Grand chapter made an unusual departure in that it also selected the 1933 convention city which will be Chicago.

The officers reelected are: A. Moore Shearin, Durham, N. C., grand polemarch; W. H. J. Beckett, St Louis, grand senior vice polemarch; Jas. M. Coggs, Washington, D. C., grand junior vice polemarch; J. Earnest Wilkins, Chicago, grand keeper of records and exchequer; T S. Ledbeter, Atlanta, grand strategus; and L. A. Atkinson, Los Angeles, grand Lt. Strategus.

Three members of the board of directors were also reelected. They were Elder W. Diggs, Indianapolis, Carl R. Johnson, Kansas City, Fred R. Clements, Institute, W. Va. The new member of the board is R. S. Stout, Tulsa.

Many of the discussions of the convention were heated and marked with much spirit.

New chapters granted charters included those at Lincoln University at Jefferson City, Mo.; University of Denver at Denver, Colo.; and at Tennessee A. and I. college at Nashville

Housing Program Stressed

The fraternity housing program was stressed and a housing fund to aid chapters in their building program at various schools now amounts to $7,500.

The convention opened officially Sunday, Dec. 27, with services at both the Paseo Baptist church in the morning and at Allen Chapel A. M. E. church in the afternoon. Both services were well attended.

The Grand Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi appointed a committee composed of the board of directors of the fraternity to investigate means by which the Negro's status may be advanced during the present economic crisis.

To Establish More Chapters in South

In addition to this a committee on extension was appointed to determine the desirability of establishing more chapters in southern schools. The Kappas have not made many inroads into the schools of the South, according to Carl R. Johnson, member of the director's board, due primarily to the fact that up until a few years ago many of the southern schools failed to come up to the required scholastic standard. But as more schools have raised their standards within [illegible] coupled with the fact that the Kappas desire to help bring the standards up rather than stand by idly and wait for others to do the job, more chapters have been established in that section and will continue to be added, according to Mr. Johnson.

Polemarch In Annual Message

Monday at 9 a. m., the meeting of the grand board of directors was held at headquarters, the Paseo Y. M. C. A., at which time A. Moore Shearin, grand polemarch, made his annual address to the fraternity. Reports of the grand board of directors, of the keeper of records and exchequer, and of the business manager were also given.

At the afternoon session Monday the grand historian, housing fund, Guide Right committees, and director of publicity made their annual reports to the convention. Reports of chapters were also heard at this session and also the reports of the regional directors were made.

Tuesday morning sessions were taken up with reports of the scholarship committee, research loan fund committee, and of the committee of constitutional revision.

Made Tour of City

Wednesday the fraternity made a tour of the city, which included a visit to The Call building, ending the day's business program with a Kappa banquet at 6 p. m. The sessions closed Thursday with the election and installation of officers. At 9 p. m., the closed dance of the fraternity ended the social program for the visiting fraternity men at Elks Community Rest.

Clubs and organizations entertained lavishly for the visiting Kappas while here.

PHI BETA SIGMA TO HOLD BIG TRADE WEEK

Courier

NEW YORK, Feb. 25—Epsilon Sigma Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, with headquarters at 200 W. 135th street, has announced plans for its annual "Bigger and Better Business Week,' to be held about the first week in April. A. L. Holsey, head of the C. M. A. movement, has sent in his acceptance of the chairmanship of the arrangements committee. Mr. Holsey is a member of the Tuskegee Institute chapter of the fraternity. John W. Walker, Harlem real estate operator, will assist Mr. Holsey as vice chairman of the committee. Rev. J. W Brown, Harmon Unthank, H. Eustace Williams, J. Laurence Cook and Hutson Lovell will be asked to cooperate.

Courier 2-27-32

PAN-HELLENIC UNION LED BY BULLOCK

Courier 5-12-32

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 12—The National Pan-Hellenic Council held its fourth annual session in Louisville, Ky., May 5 and 6. Delegates from the seven members, namely Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, and Zeta Phi Beta were present. The sessions were presided over by Matthew W. Bullock of Boston, Mass. All sessions were held at the Y. W. C. A. A splendid report of the year's work was made by the secretary, W. C. Pyant, and the financial report by J. Ernest Wilkins, the treasurer.

Officers for the year 1932 and 1933 are as follows: Attorney Matthew W. Bullock, Boston, Mass., re-elected chairman; Mrs. Ruth E. Bond, Louisville, Ky., elected vice chairman; Mr. William C. Pyant, Evanston, Ill., re-elected secretary; Mr. J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, Ill., re-elected treasurer. Members of the executive committee are: Mr. Georg F. Robinson and Miss Maud E. Brown, Louisville, Ky., and Miss Venita E. Nichols, Atlanta Ga. Other delegates in attendance were Dr. I. L. Scruggs, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Violet Anderson, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Merchant, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Fannie R. Givens, Misses Eunice Singleton, Emma M. Clement, Willie I. Raynes, Messrs. J. A. Thomas and H. C. Russell, Louisville, Ky. The National Pan-Hellenic was entertained by Mrs. Givens and the local interfraternal council.

The place of meeting for next year will be decided by the executive committee.

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Alpha Phi Alpha Will Give Scholarships Soon

Call

Five scholarships of $100 each will be given presently to qualified deserving students. Three will be awarded to graduates of accredited high schools and two will be given to students enrolled in colleges or universities of approved standing according to Matthew E. Carroll Jr., director of educational activities of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Applications will be considered on the basis of scholarship and present standing, character and the actual need of the candidate. Attention will be paid also to references, and general fitness and capacity, as well as the standing of schools attended and geographical location. Candidates attending college must be enrolled in courses leading to degrees. There are no restrictions as to sex or fraternal affiliation.

Those desiring to apply for their scholarships should write to Mr. H. T. Riley, 2712 N. Capitol avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, secretary of Scholarship Commission, for an application blank. This blank must be filled out and returned to the office of the secretary, 2712 N. Capitol avenue. A photograph of the applicant must be filed with the application blank. No applications will be received after June 20, 1932.

Boston Man Again Heads Pan-Hellenic

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Matthew W. Bullock, Boston attorney, was re-elected chairman of the National Pan-Hellenic Union at its annual meeting here last week.

Mrs. Ruth E. Bond of this city was elected vice chairman, while W. C. Pyant, Evanston, Ill., and J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, were re-elected secretary and treasurer, respectively. Delegates were present representing Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, Kappa Alpha Psi, Phi Beta Sigma, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta.

The National Pan-Hellenic has made some surveys in the white and colored universities concerning the participation of Negro members in the interfraternal activities. The findings, with certain recommendations, are to be submitted to the members. The council went on record as advocating higher scholarship. A public meeting was held on Thursday night at which time the principal address was made by Dean Rufus E. Clement of the Municipal College. Mr. Bullock also spoke. The welcome on behalf of the citizens was extended by George F. Robinson, chairman of the local interfraternal council.

Roy Garvin Gets Two Kappa Appointments

Call 4-2-32

Roy C. Garvin, Call advertising representative has been appointed advertising manager for the Kappa Alpha Psi Journal, official organ of the fraternity, and also national director of publicity for the western section of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

A. Moore Shearin, grand polemarch of the fraternity, of Durham, N. C., signed the certificates which Mr. Garvin received Wednesday, Jan. 20.

SIGMAS SET PROGRAM FOR BUSINESS MEET

Courier 4-2-32

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 — The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity is ready for the business celebration which it will sponsor at Mother Zion Church in Harlem on Sunday afternoon, April 3, according to announcement by Attorney James A. Johnson, president. Charles C. Huitt, white, president of the Dunbar National Bank, will be the main speaker. Allie N. Jones will represent the Harlem Business Men's Club, A. A. Austin will represent the fraternity. Dr. James W. Brown, pastor of Mother Zion, will preach a sermon on the organization on Sunday morning at his church.

PHI BETA KAPPA ENTERTAINS PICKENS

4-14-32 Washington

BERKELEY, Calif. (ANP)—The young men and women and the teachers of Phi Beta Kappa rank in the University of California, at Berkeley, decided to hold a session with William Pickens, following his lecture and seminar, Sunday night, March 13, in International House. But the International House Meeting waxed so interesting and stayed so unprecedentedly late that the Phi Beta Kappa meeting had to be postponed until Thursday, the 18th.

The meeting at the House attracted students and professors of all races and nationalities—Hindus, Chinese, Japanese,. Filipinos, and Southern and Northern white Americans. Some of the most enthusiastic whites present were from Arkansas, the State in which Mr. Pickens grew up. For nearly three hours, from 8 until near 11 o'clock, the meeting continued, with a packed house and unabated interest. There were pertinent questions from every quarter of the world. One Chinese raised the question of the "inferiority" complexes of hindered peoples. One Hindu, in native dress, raised the question of American lynchings. The meeting was the campus topic for days afterwards, everybody claiming to have "had the time of his life." They repeated this saying because it was the words in which Mr. Pickens had closed the meeting: "Every good thing must come to an end. and it's nearly eleven and we'll just have to quit—and although I do not know how you people have fared, I for my part have had the time of my life." "So have we!" shouted students and teachers all over the place.

Many other departments, classes and sections of study began to storm the dean for engagements. He consented to take the Labor and Economics and Social Science classes.

Nat'l Pan-Hellenic Council Will Convene in Louisville

Chicago Defender 4/9/32

The National Pan-Hellenic council will hold its annual sessions on May 5 and 6 at Louisville, Ky., in the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A. building at 528 S. Sixth St. The program for the public meeting May 5 as prepared by Mrs. Fannie R. Givens, chairman of the executive council, includes addresses by Dr. Rufus W. Clement, dean of the Louisville Municipal college; Prof. E. W. Diggs, Indianapolis, Ind., and by the president, Attorney Matthew Bullock of Boston.

Three-minute talks will be given by the representatives of the various fraternities and sororities, and the interfraternal council of Louisville will entertain the delegates after the public meeting.

A very complete return has been had by the secretary, William C. Pyant, to questionnaires sent out to more than 60 colleges and universities over the country, where Race students are admitted, and comprehensive study and action on those returns will comprise a goodly portion of the work of the delegates. In addition many questions affecting interfraternal co-operation will be taken up.

National Officers

Officer of the national council are: Attorney Matthew W. Bullock, chairman; Mrs. Maudelle Bousefield, vice-chairman; William C. Pyant, secretary; J. Ernest Willins, treasurer; Mrs. Fannie Givens, chairman executive committee, and Dr. I. L. Scruggs and Mrs. Mary R. Smith, members of the executive committee.

Delegates who will represent the various organizations are: Omega Psi Phi, Matthew W. Bullock, Boston, Mass.; Zeta Phi Bata, Mrs. Fannie R. Givens, Miss Venetia Nichols and Attorney Violette N. Anderson, Chicago; Kappa Alpha Psi, Attorney J. E. Wilkins, Chicago, H. C. Russell, Louisville, and E. W. Diggs, Indianapolis; Delta Sigma Theta, Mrs. Jeannette T. Jones, Chicago, Miss Eunice Singleton and Mrs. Ruth Clement Bond, Louisville; Alpha Phi Alpha, Prof. E. J. Banks, Louisville, Dr. H. A. Marchant, Lexington, and William C. Pyant, Chicago; Alpha Kappa Alpha, Miss Maude E. Brown, Miss Emma Mills Clement and Miss Willye I. Haynes, Louisville, and Phi Beta Sigma, Attorney George F. Robinson, Louisville, Dr. I. L. Scruggs, Buffalo, and Attorney Arthur Mitchell, Chicago.

NEGRO "FRAT" RANKS HIGH AT UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Courier 7-2-32 Pitt. Courier 7-2-32

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Apr. 21—Out of some 70 fraternities represented at the University of Michigan, the Omega Psi Phi fraternity tied for sixth place on the scholarship chart for the year 1930-31. This fact was brought out recently in a letter to Asa T. Spaulding, basileus of the chapter at the University of Michigan, from Miss Marian Williams, statistical assistant of the university. According to this letter, "The scholarship average of Omega Psi Phi fraternity placed it in a tie position for sixth place on the scholarship chart."

PHI BETA SIGMA HAS BIG BUSINESS WEEK

Courier 5-28-32

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 26—While other fraternities join hand in hand and proceed to inspire youth Phi Beta Sigma stretches forth an unlimited amount of interest which is expected to inspire all modern trim of commercial enterprises.

This program was featured by several beautiful selections and the main subject was discussed by the principal speaker, the Rev. R. C. Barbour, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

WINNERS IN KAPPA ESSAY TEST NAMED

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 26—The winners in the State-wide essay contest conducted by Tau chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity have been announced. The judges, the Misses Jane Shaw and Kattie Washington and Mr. Stewart Payne, all of whom are taking a major in the department of English, were selected to judge the contest by H. C. Thorne, professor of English at the West Virginia State College.

The following awards were made: First prize, Wyche Capel, $10, Stratton high school, Beckley; second, Allen Cabble, $2, Teachers' Training High School, Institute; third, W. C. Moore, $2, Byrd Prillerman high school, Amigo; fourth, Ray Howard, $2, Kimball high school, Kimball; fifth, Fletcher Lipscomb of Lorado, and sixth, Charles Vhs, $1, Elkhorn.

OMEGA PSI PHI HOLDS ANNUAL MEET IN DIXIE

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 30.—The Omega Psi Phi fraternity is holding its annual conclave here as the guest of Phi Phi Zeta chapters. The business sessions are being held in the Southern Aid building, Third and Clay Sts., and the meet will close Friday.

According to Attorney Walter H. Mazyck, grand keeper of records, the conclave is stressing the strengthening of the internal organization of the fraternity.

Since the last meeting the fraternity has suffered heavy financial losses due to the failure of a bank in which some of its funds were kept and the general economic condition has contributed to prevent the recouping of the treasury to the extent which would enable the fraternity to resume its altruistic activities.

The program of social activities shows that the host chapters, splendidly assisted by the local social clubs and other Greek letter organizations, are making the stay of the visitors and delegates enjoyable. It is one of the largest conclaves in the history of the fraternity.

STRESS ECONOMY AT OMEGA PSI PHI CONCLAVE

Altruistic Activities Being Shelved During Depression

Richmond Bureau
1504 N. Third St.

RICHMOND, Va.—For reasons of economy and retrenchment, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, whose three-day national conclave ends here Friday of this week, is expected to direct its primary efforts for the immediate future to proposals for internal reorganization and to relegate to a secondary position its altruistic activities.

This was indicated in a public announcement made prior to the convention by Walter H. Mazyck, Washington, author and attorney, and grand keeper of records. It was already known that the fraternity, the second oldest Greek-letter college society among Negroes, was considering adopting the biennial convention plan now in vogue with several other fraternities and sororities.

Mr. Mazyck's statement read in part: " Such projects as scholarships, essay contest prizes, and grants-in-aid of research will probably be relegated to a secondary place, while propositions such as already advanced in circular letters by some chapters pertaining to the reorganization of the fraternity would assume primary proportions." Action on these proposals was scheduled to be taken at this week's conclave.

Explains Situation

"The conclave will undoubtedly stress as its program, the strengthening of the internal organization of the fraternity. Since the last meeting of the fraternity," Mr. Mazyck explained, "the fraternity has suffered heavy financial losses due to the failure of a bank in which some of its funds were kept, and the general economic condition has contributed to prevent the recouping of the treasury to the extent which would enable the fraternity to resume its altruistic activities."

The business sessions of the conclave are being held in the Southern Aid Building auditorium, Third and Clay Streets. Phi Phi and Zeta Chapters of Richmond are hosts. The program of social activities as published in the Omega Bulletin shows that the host chapters, splendidly assisted by the local social clubs and other Greek-letter organizations, prepared to make the stay of the visitors and delegates very enjoyable.

Chapter delegates and numerous detached members arrived here early in the week and have been present at the sessions held to date. Indications were that the conclave would attract the largest number of members ever assembled in the history of the fraternity, despite the depression.

Conclave Program

The Social and business program for the conclave follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 27: 8 to 11 p. m. reception to delegates and visitors at Williams' Lodge Elks' Home, Fourth and Clay Streets; 11 to 2 a. m., reception in honor of Omegas, sponsored by the Delvers Literary Club.

Wednesday, Dec. 28: 9 to 12 a. m., business session; 12 to 3 p. m., symposium, Johnson's Hall, 10 W. Leigh St.; 3 to 5 p. m., business session; 10 p. m. to 2 a. m., dance, sponsored by local Omega Chapters, Howitzer's Armory. 630 N. 8th St.

Thursday, Dec. 28, 9 to 12 a. m., business session; 12 to 2, luncheon hour and noon bridge under auspices of wives and sweethearts of Phi Phi and Zeta Chapters' members for wives and sweethearts of visiting delegates; 2 to 5 p. m., business session; 11 to 3 a. m., dance under auspices of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity chapters; 3 to 6 a. m., dawn dance, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Friday, Dec. 30, business sessions and miscellaneous social events.

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Brilliant Events Mark Fourteenth Annual Boule Of Alpha Kappa Alpha

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 7.—The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority held its fourteenth annual Boule during the past week at the University of Cincinnati, having in attendance about two hundred delegates.

The lovely tea given for the public Monday, December 28th, in the Woman's Building, ushered in the festivities and preceded the public meeting in the Annie Laws Memorial Auditorium. The outstanding features of this meeting were an address by Soror Bobbie Beatrix Scott, of Washington, D. C.; vocal solos by Sorors Myrtle Wiggins and Agnes Holmes, and a piano solo by Soror Lois Towles.

On Monday evening, at 8 p. m., the Alpha Kappa Alpha reception was held in the drawing rooms of the Woman's Building, University of Cincinnati. It was a social event not to be rivaled for beauty and finesse. Every detail designed for the pleasure and entertainment of the notable list of visiting sorors was successfully carried out. The drawing rooms were resplendent in their color scheme decoration of pink and green carried out in hundreds of pink rosebuds and smilax. A delightful musical program was rendered. In the receiving line were Sorors and guests whose names loom large in the educational and social horizon of the group.

The following program was broadcast by Alpha Kappa Alpha over Station WLW, Tuesday, December 29th, from 3:30 p. m. until 4 p. m., under the direction of Miss Odessa Palmer, radio chairman. Piano selection, Miss Lois Towles, Phi Chapter, Wiley College, Marshall, Texas; vocal solo, "Chant Hindu"—Bemberg, Miss Earline Good, Eta Omega Chapter, Louisville, Ky., accompanied by Miss Lois Towles; "Greetings from the city of Cincinnati," Clarence Dykstra, city manager of Cincinnati, Ohio; address, "The Spirit of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority," Mrs. Maudelle E. Bousfield, supreme basileus of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; vocal solo, "Water Boy" and "Twilight." Miss Myrtle Wiggins, Alpha Omega Chapter, Cleveland, Ohio, accompanied by Miss Marie Thomas, Sigma Omega Chapter, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha formal given in the beautiful Greystone Ball Room, Tuesday evening, December 29th, proved to be one of the most brilliant affairs of the yuletide.

The ball room was beautifully decorated, making a most attractive setting for the gorgeously gowned women ands martly attired men as they danced to the inspiring music or clustered around tables for reunions of old friends.

Among the highlights of this charming affair was a specialty by the Du Barry players of Dayton, O., under the direction of Dr. Arnold Shaw, and the presentation of a beautiful floral piece in the design of an Alpha Kappa Alpha pin by the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

A fitting climax to the dance came when at the end of the grand march, Santa Claus gave to each guest a souvenir. The men received handsome bill folds with separate folds enclosed for stamps and cards. The ladies received beautiful fountain pen and pencil sets in leather cases.

The foreign fellowship, awarded by the sorority, went to Miss Merce Tate, of Indianapolis, who will major in history at Oxford University, England.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha closed banquet was held Thursday evening, December 31, from 8 to 12 p. m., in the banquet hall in the Woman's Building, University of Cincinnati. Like a page out of "Arabian Nights" was this beautiful candle-lighted scene, fragrant with the perfume of a thousand roses, and echoing the inspiring Alpha Kappa Alpha songs.

Following the presentation of a string of exquisite pearls to the retiring Supreme Basileus, Soror Maudelle Bousfield, and its gracious acceptance, the rafters rang to the tune of the Sigma Omega and Omicron Chapter song.

The following officers were elected for the coming term: Supreme Basileus, Maude Brown, Louisville, Ky.; First Anti Basileus, Hattie Edwards, Indianapolis, Ind.; Second Anti Basileus, Octavia Jones, Columbus, O.; Supreme Grammateus, Margaret Davis Bowen, Cincinnati, O.; Anti Grammateus, Georgia Beasley, Cincinnati, O.; Epistoleus, Alice McGee, St. Louis, Mo.; Tamiochus, Ethel H. Lyle, Philadelphia, Pa.; Editor of Ivy Leaf, Jessie H. Roy, Braddock, Pa.; Regional Directors, Thelma Boozer, New York City; Zenobia Gilpin, Richmond, Va.; Mattie D. Jackson, Cincinnati, O.; Carolyn S. Blanton, Louisville, Ky.; Blanche L. Hayes, St. Louis, Mo.; Theresa Barker, Kansas City, Mo.; Ida L. Jackson, California. The Boule of 1932 will be held in Los Angeles, California.

As a final and fitting offering on a program unprecedented for sheer interest and achievement and beauty, on the morning of the New Year the members of the Boule and a large number of friends set forth on a pilgrimage to the home and grace of Paul Laurence Dunbar, Poet Laureate, at Dayton, Ohio. Visiting first the Linden Community Center, the pilgrims then went to the Y. M. C. A., where they were guests of honor at a musical and later had their dinner. Leaving this scene of high revel, they went to the home of the beloved and aged mother of the late poet, to whom Soror Viola Lockley presented a lovely potted plant in her gracious manner in the name of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

The pilgrimage then wended its way to the last resting place of Paul Laurence Dunbar, who "sleeping beneath the willows by the road." has by his immortality made his race immortal. And there to the whisper of the winds, the murmur of a nearby stream and the music of the raindrops, the Alpha Kappa Alphas placed on this hallowed spot an immense ivy leaf on which was set the emblems of the sorority outlined in pink rosebuds. And there while the shadows of eve lengthened, Soror Maude Brown paid a touching and beautiful tribute to the memory of our revered poet.

Sigma Gamma Rho Holds Brilliant Meet In Atlanta

By MYRTLE VIRGINIA ESTES

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 7—Invading the sunny South for the first time in the history of the organization, "Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority," infant among national sororities, convened here Dec. 27–30. Delegates representing various chapters thruout the country held daily sessions at the Butler Street Y. M. C. A., local headquarters for the meet, where present and future plans were discussed, among which a brand new policy was inaugurated making it compulsory that all officers of the sorority must hold degrees from accredited colleges. Interspersing the serious side of the meet were many brilliant social events, followed by the election of officers for the year, 1932.

Discounting the old theory that sororities are only mediums of good time and gay festivities, Sigma Gamma Rho closed her seventh annual boule Wednesday, Dec. 30th, with a feeling that another milestone had been passed and pride in the fact that this, the youngest of national sororities is growing in strength and including in its scope wider fields of endeavor.

Founded At Indianapolis

Founded at Indianapolis by a group of professional women who at that time were interested in every phase of education and who had the earnest purpose of furthering its cause; it has since grown in magnitude so as to include women in all walks of professionalism from every section of the country. Its founders incorporated into the constitution that a general scholarship fund be maintained and since that time the various chapters have each year contributed liberally, thus affording substantial sums to worthy students. In keeping with this policy, on Sunday night at the public mass meeting which was held in the First Congregational Church at Atlanta; Gamma Chapter of that city, through Mrs. Howard Pitts, the basileus presented Prof. Harper, principal of the Booker Washington High School, the sum of $50, to be given to some worthy student.

Dr. John Hope Address Body

Highlights of this public meeting were the welcome addresses from representatives of the Alpha Kappa Alpha, Zeta Phi Beta and Delta Sigma Theta sororities, the Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega and Phi Beta Sigma fraternities and the stirring address by Dr. John Hope, president Atlanta University.

Social Program Brilliant

Sigma Gamma Rho wishes to express her great appreciation to the citizens of Atlanta and to the fraternal groups who extended numerous courtesies. Included in the social program was the reception and matinee dance by the local chapter honoring visiting sorors and friends, the formal dance by the "Twenty-Seven Club," Alpha Kappa Alpha's afternoon tea, Delta Sigma Theta's luncheon, reception by the Zeta Phi Betas and dance by Alpha Phi Alpha.

Places Wreath on Booker Washington's Grave

Climaxing the social program was the pilgrimage to Tuskegee at which time the visiting sorors placed a wreath on the grave of Booker T. Washington in appreciation for his interest in education. After visiting interesting show places in and around Tuskegee they were honored with a tea by the ladies at the Institute.

New Precedent

Amendments to the old constitution introduced a new precedent to the effect that all officers of the sorority shall hold degrees from accredited colleges and that all pledges must now have completed a two year college course with the aim of completing the course with the degree A. B. before becoming a soror.

Officers Elected

Officess for the ensuing year were elected because of their merit and ability. They include Edythe M Scott, Grand Basileus, Alpha Chapter, Indianapolis; Bertha Black Anti-Grand Bas- Beta Sigma Chapter, Terre Haute, Ind.; Nila L. Pettford, Grand Grammateus, Bet Sigma; Evelyn Briscoe, Grand Tamochoeus, Alpha Chapter, Indianapolis; Ruth Armstrong, grand organizer, Omicron, St. Louis, Mo. Hazel L. Mosby editor of the Aurora official organ of the sorority; Beatrice Fox, chairman publicity committee; Dr. L. E. Ashburn, parlimentarian. The board of directors include Clara M. Pitts, Fannie O'Bannon, Florence Barker, Lucy Brooks and Roberta Anderson.

Because of economic conditions Sigma voted out a boule for 1932 and will have only the official board meeting with the grand officers. The cry for 1933 will be—"On to Chicago!" with truer Sigma spirit and greater attainments.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY HOLDS BIENNIAL SESSION

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(CNS) The Delta Sigma Sorority, a national women's Greek letter sorority, held its 11th annual, and second biennial session here December 27 to 31 inclusive at Fisk University. The visiting delegates were welcomed to the University by Dean A. A. Taylor. Addresses by the retiring President, Mrs. Jeannette Jones of Chicago, Illnois, were features of the public meeting held by the sorority.

Among the features offered for the entertainment of the delegates were a musical recital by the undergraduate members of Delta Sigma Theta followed by a mask ball given by the local chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. All sororities and fraternities vied with each other to entertain the guests. The Zetas gave a Dawn Dance; the Alpha Kappa Alphas, a bridge party; the Kappa fraternity, a formal; the Omega fraternity, a formal. In addition several dances and dinners were given by the local Delta chapters acting as hostesses.

The next convention will be held in Chicago during the last week of August 1933. The newly elected officers are: Grand President, Mrs Gladys Sheppard of Baltimore; 1st V-pres., Mrs. Chat of Kansas City, Missouri; 2nd V-pres, Miss EsCobedo V. Sarreals of New York City; Secretary, Mrs. Ednah Johnson of Gary, Indiana; Treasurer, Miss Marion Palmer of Norfolk, Virginia; and Journalist, Miss Edna Kinchean of Belmont, Texas.

SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES SHOWED PROGRESS DURING YEAR

Alpha Phi Alpha To Meet In St. Louis In 1933. Kappas Take Kansas City In Conclave. Miss Tate Wins Scholarship

KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERS FIND GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY IN KANSAS CITY MISSOURI

By L. HERBERT HENEGAN
(K. C. Call Service)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It was just an old Missouri custom. The hospitality, entertainment, spirit, stronger handshakes, longer lasting smiles, and honest-to-goodness fellowship given the visiting delegates to the Twenty-first annual Grand chapter meeting of the Kappa Alpha Psi which closed as the New Year was born, caused the 107 fraters representing 23 chapters to say unanimously that this convention was the best in the history of Kappa.

Charleston, W. Va., Next Meeting Place

A Moore Shearin, grand polemarch, and the entire corps of officers were re-elected and Charleston, W. Va., was selected as the 1932 meeting place. The Grand chapter made an unusual departure in that it also selected the 1933 convention city which will be Chicago.

The officers reelected are A. Moore Shearin, Durham, N. C., grand polemarch; W. H. J. Beckett, St. Louis grand senior vice polemarch; Jas. M. Coggs, Washington, D. C., grand junior vice polemarch; J. Earnest Wilkins, Chicago, grand keeper of records and exchequer; T. S. Ledbetter, Atlanta, grand strategus; and L. A. Atkinson, Los Angeles, grand lt. Strategus.

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The Rev. D. A. Holmes, pastor of the Paseo Baptist church delivered the Kappa sermon at the morning service substituting for Bishop W. T. Vernon of Little Rock who was unable to come to the convention.

Visiting Kappa men were introduced to the congregation at the close of the service by B. K. Armstrong polemarch of the Kansas City alumni chapter.

Afternoon Public Meeting

Representatives of the several fraternities and civic leaders in Kansas City gave addresses of welcome to the visiting fraternity at the afternoon session held at Allen chapel A. M. E. church at 4 o'clock.

Fraternities Welcome Kappas

Greetings from the Omega Psi Phi fraternity were extended by Dr. William Love.

Mrs. Jesse Thompkins of Beta Omega chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, furnished a unique surprise for the Kappas when at the close of her greetings she unveiled a replica of the Kappa emblem.

Dr. L. T. Montgomery represented Beta chapter of Chi Delta Mu; Miss Gladys Cross spoke for Delta Mu; Miss Gladys Cross spoke for Delta Sigma Theta; Mu Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa on the Kansas side sent a telegram with greetings from the chapter; C. H. Calloway made the welcome talk for Theta chapter of Sigma Pi Phi fraternity.

Bishop Gregg Speaks

Bishop John A Gregg gave the address of welcome on behalf of the citizens of Greater Kansas City.

Judge Thomas V. Holland delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the city. He was introduced by Dr. O. M. Miller.

A. Moore Shearin, grand polemarch, presented the grand officers to the audience.

Polemarch In Annual Message

Monday at 9 a. m., the meeting of the grand board of directors was held at headquarters, the Paseo Y. M. C. A., at which time A. Moore Shearin, grand polemarch, made his annual address to the fraternity. Reports of the grand board of directors, of the keeper of records and exchequer, and of the business manager were also given.

At the afternoon session Monday, the grand historian housing fund, Guide Right committees, and director of publicity made their annual reports to the convention. Reports of chapters were also heard at this session and also the reports of the regional directors were made.

Tuesday morning sessions were taken up with reports of the scholarship committee, research loan fund committee, and of the committee of constitutional revision.

Made Tour of City

Wednesday the fraternity made a tour of the city and ended the day's business program with a Kappa banquet at 6 p. m. The sessions closed Thursday with the election and installation of officers. At 9 p. m., the closed dance of the fraternity ended the social program for the visiting fraternity men at Elks Community Rest.

Clubs and organizations entertained lavishly for the visiting Kappas while here.

MISS MERZE TATE WINS FOREIGN FELLOWSHIP OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

The fourteenth annual Boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in session at Cincinnati December 27-31 awarded its foreign scholarship of $1000 to Miss Merze Tate of Alpha Mu Omega Chapter, at Indianapolis, Indiana. Other honors received by the same chapter were the election of Mrs. Hattie Jones Edwards, city teacher and Basileus of Alpha Mu Omega Chapter, as first National Anti-Basileus and the awarding of the silver cup to the Indianapolis graduate chapter for reporting the largest amount of money per capita for the foreign scholarship.

Miss Tate is a history teacher in Crispus Attucks High School. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo, Michigan, where she graduated with high distinction and a Master of Arts degree from Columbia University. Last summer she toured Western Europe and studied at the Geneva School of International Relations in Switzerland. Miss Tate has chosen Oxford or The University of London for foreign study. It was recommended to the Boule to consider the increase of the scholarship to $2000.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Meeting

Nashville, Tenn.—The 11th national and 2nd biennial convention of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was held at Fisk University December 27 to 31.

A welcome was extended on Sunday night in the chapel of Dean R. A. Taylor, with a response by Mrs. Anna Thompson of Washington, national president. Mrs. Jeannetta Jones of Chicago delivered the principal address.

Many events were scheduled on the campus by fraternities and sororities of the university, including a musical, masked ball, dawn dance, bridge party and formal dances by the Kappas and Omegas.

Offices elected are Mrs. Gladys Shepperd of Baltimore, grand president; Mrs. Cheat of Kansas City, Mo., first vice-president; Miss Escobedo V. Sarreals of New York City, second vice-president; Mrs. Edna Johnson of Gary, Ind., secretary; Miss Marian Palmer of Norfolk, Va., treasurer; Miss Edna Kinchean of Belmont, Tex., journalist.

ZETA PHI BETA SORORS ARE LAVISHLY ENTERTAINED IN 12TH ANN'L BOULE IN INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 6.—(ANP)—The twelfth annual boule of the Zeta Phi Beta sorority held its session in Indianapolis, Ind., December 27-30 with the Mu Omega and Iota Zeta chapters as hostesses. The sorors received a hearty welcome from the local fraternities, sororities and citizens at a mammoth mass meeting at Bethel A. M. E. Church Sunday afternoon, December 27. Bishop J. W. Walls, member of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Chicago, Ill., was the speaker for the occasion. He delivered a masterly address, "Ashes in the Hopper." Music was furnished by the students of the Cosmopolitan School of Music and Fine Arts, Inc. Mrs. Lillian LeMon, president, founder and director. Miss Venitia Nichols of Atlanta, Ga., sang "The Lord Is My Light."

Had Lively Sessions

Following the mass meeting a reception was given at the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A., at which time the delegates received the citizens of Indianapolis.

Business sessions were held in the auditorium of the Y. W. C. A. A grand Musicale at Crispus Attucks High School Monday evening displayed the talent of the Zeta sorors.

PHI BETA SIGMAS POSTPONE THEIR ANNUAL CONVENTION

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 6—The Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity postponed its annual national meeting last week. Officials stated that they will use the money that would have been expended for the meeting for scholarship

"State" Scholarship Society To Hold Quarter Initiation

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Three candidates are to be subjected to the rigors of initiation of Phi Beta Tau during February, according to officials of the honorary scholarship society: Misses Carrie Hall, '32; Clarrissa Lapsley, '30; and Newton S. Holiday, '31. Since its establishment on March 26, 1931, undergraduates with cum laude rating have been inducted into the organization. Graduates whose standing entitled them to be graduated with honor have been admitted to membership upon application and submission to the ritual.

The executive committee of the society is working out a shingle and pass card and plans for the establishment of chapters in accredited colleges are being formulated.

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UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI HONORS ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

The officers, delegates and boule members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, which met recently in Cincinnati, are shown above on the steps of McNicken Hall, shortly after University of Cincinnati officials and citizens of the Ohio metropolis cordially greeted the delegates and visitors. The welcome address was made by Miss Josephine Simrall, dean of women at the university. The sorority's new officers for 1932 were installed at a beautiful banquet in the university drawing room. It was their fourteenth annual session.

Far West Region Will Entertain A. K. A's 15th Boule

East Tennessee News

OAKLAND, Cal.—Alpha Kappa Alpha is coming for the first time into the far west for its 15th session of Boule. 6/16/32

The entire far western region composed of Alpha Kappa chapter at Greeley Teachers' college Greeley, Colorado; Alpha Sigma University of Arizona, and Tenipe Teachers college, Phoenix, Arizona, Rho and Alpha Nu Omega, University of California Berkley; Alpha Omicron at San Francisco Teacher's college, with Sigma at U. S. C. Los Angeles; Alpha Gamma and Alpha Gamma Omega chapters at University of California in Los Angeles, all are joint hostesses.

More than 300 delegates representing the eighty-five chapters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority are expected to attend.

The faculty and student body of the University of California headed by Director E. C. Moore has extended a very cordial welcome to the organization and sessions are to be held on the beautiful U. C. campus at Westwood.

Miss Brown, newly elected president, is a grauate of Howard university and is a teacher in the public schools of Louisville, Ky., will preside over the great convention. East Tenn. News

Some of the most outstanding events are the public meeting, Sunday, August 14, 1932, at Josiah Royce audtiorium, the artists' recital August 16, 8 p. m., at which time some of the most celebrated artists of the Negro race will be presented. 6/16/32

Plans are being made to have many of these distinguished women in the bay region as special guests of the three local chapters August 20 and 21.

GAY ROUND OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS MARK BOULE OF A. K. A.'s ON COAST

Courier 8-27-32 Pittsburgh Pa.

By FLOYD G. SNELSON

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 25—The spotlight that has held its glamorous rays upon the society world in the Angel City during the Olympiad and the annual boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority has paused for its final attention to th Bay City, when scores of the 20 delegates journeyed here.

Sunday afternoon marked a spectacular event, when several th usand sorors, music lovers and citizens of both races attended a gala music fest.

Antoinette Garnes, Chicago coloratura soprano, and Naida Portia McCullough, pianist, both members of Alpha Kappa Alpha national sorority, which held its annual convention in California this year, presented a diversified program for the Half-Hour of Music in the Greek theater, University of California.

Entertains Honored Guests

A pretty bridge party was given Saturday evening by Miss Ida L. Jackson, recently elected vice president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, at her lovely bungalow home, 1623 Stewart street.

The guests of honor were Mrs. Maudelle B. Bousfield, Mrs. Ida Jones and Mrs. Antoinette Garnes of Chicago; Mrs. Ethel Lyle, Mrs. A. R. McClanahan, Mrs. May Robertson and visiting delegates of the A. K. A.

Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. William S. Rickmond, Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Orviss, Dr. and Mrs. Allan O. Newman, Miss Maude E. Brown, Miss Merze Tate, Major and Mrs. W. H. Loving, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Green, Mrs. Robert Ann Cuthbert, Attorney George Johnson, Mmes. Waller and Reynolds, Floyd G. Snelson, Dr. O. Roy Busch, John R. Williams, Joel Adams, Thad Dawson, Miss L. Pearl Mitchell, Mrs. George W. Prince and Chester W. Brewer.

Buffet Supper

The pretty bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sands, 592 Sixty-third street, was the scene of much hilarity when they entertained with a buffet supper Saturday evening. The evening was spent in dancing, dining and cards. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wade Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Calhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Saunders, Mrs. George W. Prince of Chicago, Mrs. Martha Moseley of St. Louis, Mrs. D. Houston of Los Angeles, Mrs. E. Crawford, Mrs. G. Boyd, Dr. Chester Brewer, O. R. Bushe, Leland Hawkins, Richard Watson, George Watkins, Floyd Snelson and Dr. Roscoe Brewer of Sacramento

Mrs. Lucille Prince, wife of Dr. George W. Prince of Chicago, with her son, William, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brewer, and brothers, Drs. Roscoe and Chester Brewer, 3042 Stanton street, Berkley. Mrs. Prince, who is a public school teacher in the Chicago public schools, also attended the A. K. A. boule, of which she is a member.

Floyd G. Snelson, of New York and Pittsburgh, staff representative of The Pittsburgh Courier, and John R. Williams, city editor of the California Eagle, Los Angeles, are spending a week in the Bay

cities. While here they are the guests of Dr. Chester Brewer, 3042 Stanton street, Sewickley.

Mrs. Louise Adams-Hayes, prominent school teacher of Washington, D. C., and wife of the noted attorney, George E. Hayes, of the law firm of Howard & Hayes, 613 F street northwest, Washington, is spending her vacation on the Pacific coast. After attending the Olympiad in Los Angeles, she is visiting friends in Oakland, where she is the houseguest of Mrs. Irma Lewis, 865 Thirty-fourth street.

Misses Helen Gordon and Garnetta Masby, public school teachers of St. Louis, are guests at Hotel Clift in San Francisco. They are en route to Portland, Seattle and Vancouver.

Los Angeles

The fifteenth annual boule of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority held its first public session last Sunday in the Royce Auditorium of the University of California. The first meeting was opened by Soror Hayes L. Jackson, general chairman and far western regional director of the A. K. A. sororities, who stated that the groups aimed for high scholastic and ethical standards among college students.

The principal addresses of the day were delivered by Director E. C. Moore of the University of California; Miss Hebe Mack, regional director of the Delta Sigma sorority; James McGregory of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity; Attorney Edwin Jefferson of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity; Attorney Lloyd Griffith; Soro Maude E. Brown, national president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sororities, and Soror Marcelle Bausfield, the only Negro school principal in Philadelphia, Pa.

Tyler Party

At the close of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority prom that honored the Kappa Alpha sorority and out-of-town guests, Attorney and Mrs. Willis O. Tyler entertained with a midnight dancing party in their Sierno residence. Those present were the Misses Florable Panige of New York and Mariam Matthews. Dr. and Mrs. Gideon Brown of Kansas City, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Eldredge Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bowdin, Mr. and Mrs. James Vena, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pritchette, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Webster, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Pearl, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Riddle and Mrs. Irene Freeman.

Dancing Party

A lancin gparty was given by Mrs. Maxine Hefflin, Mrs. Carney Steward and Dr. Anna J. Leggett last Thursday in honor of visiting guests and friends.

And Another Party

A dancing party was given by visiting guests and friends was given at the Appomattox Club by Mrs. Maxine Hefflin, Mrs. Carney Steward and Dr. Anna J. Leggett last Thursday.

Smart Party

The new palatial homestead of Mrs. Juanita M. Hall was the scene of a beautiful reception of 200 elite of Los Angeles last week. In attendance were the Mesdames H. Caffey of New York, M. F. Bousfield, H. Gar[illegible] and A. Hackley of Chicago, and the Misses Estella and Henrietta Baranco of Louisiana.

Dancing Affair

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Turner Jr., prominent society folk of Los Angeles, entertained with an elaborate dancing party at the La Vada ballroom on Vernon avenue last week. The affair courtesied Mrs B. B. Cowan of Omaha, Neb.; Mrs Luck of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Barker, Miss Willa Pullum, Miss Ted Barker, Cayetta Seals, Mrs. Alma Jordan, all of Kansas City, Mo., and Floyd G. Snelson, of Pittsburgh.

The Los Angeles guests were the Mesdames James Gilmore, Roscoe Miller, Eugene McCaw, Jess Strider, Roscoe Blocker, James Scott, Harold Lee, Al Collins and Bernard Andrews, the Misses Ruth Rickman, Madeline Hommonds, Gertha McCaw and Beatrice Winston, Messrs. Louis Rico, Leon Read, Roscoe Robinson, Ben Jordon, Herman DeVon, Curtis Holmes, Anderson Glen, Eugene Oliver, Glen Harman, John Cooper, Thaddeus Rountree, Emmett Higgins and Edgar Holloway.

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FAMOUS NORFOLK FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION FOUNDED EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO BY LOCAL CITIZENS

Journal and Guide 5-7-32

The Membership Of Parent Body Totals 250; Branches Of Association Located In New York And Philadelphia

Norfolk, Va.

By ALBERT L. HINTON
Of the Journal and Guide Staff

On Monday, May 9, at 8 p.m., the Sons of Norfolk Fraternal Beneficial and Social Association Incorporated will dedicate its new home at Church Street and Princess Anne Road. In appropriate exercises the building heretofore known as Liberty Hall will be formally consecrated to the work of this organization which has had such a far-reaching effect upon the lives of native Norfolkians, and which has for its motto, "Charity First."

The organization is at present in the midst of one of its greatest membership drives under the leadership of the president, John B. Williams. Mr. Williams has shown remarkable executive ability and the fact that the lodge is able to take such a forward step at this time in centering all of its activities under one roof, is due largely to his efforts.

The business of the fraternity will be centered on the second and third floors of the building. On the second floor will be found the office of the secretary, lounging rooms, a radio room, library, committee chamber, lunch counter, card rooms, and a gentlemen's well-appointed bath room with both hot and cold water baths. The main auditorium will comprise most of the third floor.

SPACIOUS APARTMENT

This spacious apartment can also be used as a ball room or convention hall where dances, concerts, and card parties and tournaments can be held as the exigencies of the moment demand. This auditorium will be available to all persons or organizations who wish to make use of it, officials of the organization state.

The present membership effort of the lodge is being featured with very radical reductions in the membership fees. Person from 18 to 30 years of age are required to pay only $2.00, while those from 30 to 55, $2.50, and those from 55 to 60, are assessed $5.00. No physical examination is required and all ex-members from 55 to 60 years of age can be reinstated by paying the indebtedness due the lodge when they were suspended.

COSMOPOLITAN GROUP

The membership of the Sons of Norfolk is taken from all stations in life. On its roster all classes are represented including the laborer, and the middleclassman, as well as those of the professional classes. As its share toward enduring the current economic depression the order is planning to open an unemployment bureau in its new home, in addition to its many other activities of a social and civic nature.

The organization has a record of never having turned down a worthy appeal for charity, and to date has donated more than $6,000 for this purpose alone. The records show that approximately $16,000.00 has been paid in death claims in addition to donations of more than $2,000 to widows and orphans of its members. While these figures are commendable and in some respects unusual, the work of the fraternity is not confined to matters of this kind.

URGE USE OF BALLOT

Nearly 1-12 of the membership of the Sons of Norfolk to date have become bona fide citizens by qualifying themselves to vote. Indeed so insistent have officials of the organization become on this one point, that it is practically impossible to become a member without this qualification, and it is believed that this will eventually be true.

A juvenile branch of the order known as the Norfolk Juvenile No. 1, with an age limit of from 2 to 18 years, has also been organized.

SONS OF NORFOLK NEW HOME

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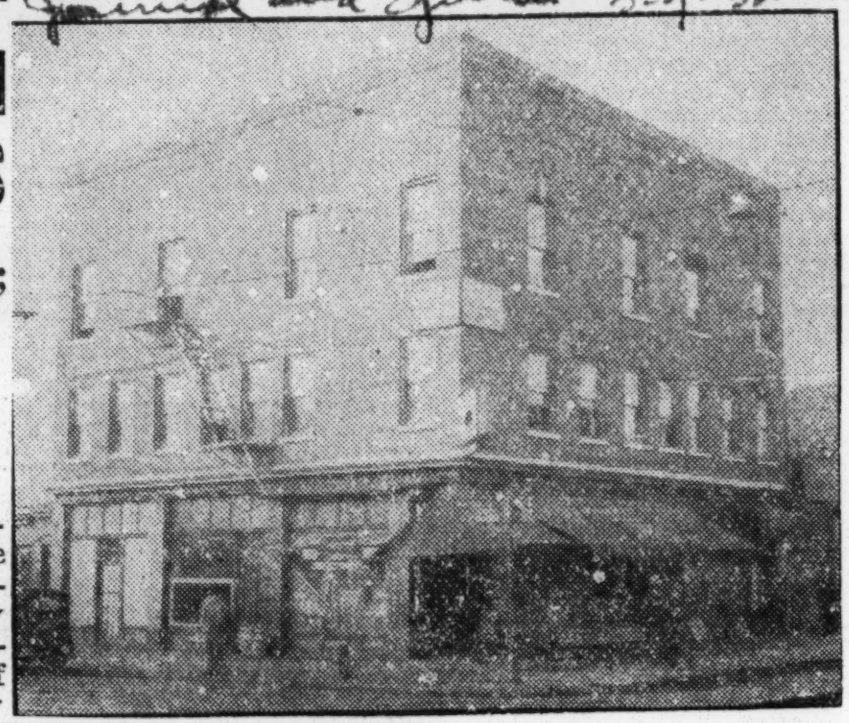

The juveniles are in theree classes: 2 to 5 years; 5 to 12, and 12 to 18. When a juvenile reaches the age of 18, he automatically becomes a member of the senior order. In charge of this branch are Rufus R. French and Deacon R. Floyd Marshall as custodians, and Mesdames Bessie Fuller and Mary Moore as matrons. The juveniles meet on the first and third Sundays of each month at 10 o'clock.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Phyllis Wheatley Circle No. 1, is the name of the woman's auxiliary of the Sons of Norfolk. This branch of the lodge is headed by Mrs. Anna H. Davis. Mrs. Maggie Coleman is vice president, and Mrs. Bessie Wright, financial secretary. Each year anniversary services are held by its members to which all male members of the Sons of Norfolk are invited.

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Supreme Lodge of the National Ideal Benefit Society, Inc.

SUPREME LODGE OF BENEFIT SOC. IN 20TH SESSION

Ideal Nursery Guardians Also Hold Annual Meeting

Richmond Bureau
504 N. Third St

RICHMOND.—The 20th annual convention of the Supreme Lodge of the National Ideal Benefit Society, Inc., and the Ideal Nursery Guardians' convention, opened here at the Ideal Hall, 210 East Clay Street, Tuesday, September 6, and continuing through Wednesday.

The convention was called to order Tuesday at 10 a. m. Devotionals were conducted by the Rev. R. Beecher Taylor, supreme chaplain, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Godsey, of Richmond. Opening remarks were made by A. W. Holmes, founder and Supreme Master, and Mrs. Martha R. Brown, of Washington, D. C.

The next order of business was the appointment of committees in credentials, finance, executive, constitution and by-laws, welfare of the order, Ideal Nursery Guardians' convention, next place of meeting, condolence and resolutions; followed by reports of supreme master, supreme secretary, supreme treasurer, the investment department and the auditors.

Membership Drive Successful

Mr. Holmes is supreme master; Mrs. S. B. Cogbill, supreme secretary; T. L. Beverly, supreme treasurer. Grover C. Grant is in charge of the investment department and Mrs. Alma L. Chapman and W. R. Allen are the auditors.

The Tuesday afternoon session was given over to an address on victories of the organization for twenty years; report of the Victory Membership Campaign, in which more than a thousand members were added to the roster of the order, by A. C. Clark, state deputy; an original poem "Twenty Years" by Mrs. M. A. Morrisette, Philadelphia, Pa., followed by remarks and adjournment.

Tuesday night's session was opened with music by the National Ideal Choir, under the leadership of S. L. Johnson; and with devotionals by the supreme chaplain, assisted by Rev. S. C. Burrell.

Mayor Bright Speaks

Welcome address delivered by Hon. James T. Carter; response by the Rev. C. C. Boone. Rev. W. T. Johnson introduced Mayor J. Fulmer Bright who delivered the welcome address on behalf of the city, which was responded to by Prof. J. S. Lee, Newport News. A solo by Mrs. Oliver W. Smith, a reading by Mrs. S. B. Cogbill and remarks by Dr. C. C. Scott, pastor of the Fifth Street Baptist Church in which Tuesday night's session was held brought the session to a close.

A session of the Ideal Nursery Guardians' Convention was held in the Ideal Hall Wednesday morning beginning at 9:30 a. m., Mrs. Fannie H. Ricks, president, presiding.

Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. Octavia Parker, prelate; followed by the roll call of officers, the annual report of the president and the secretary, Miss Jessie B. Taylor, and an address by Mrs. Nannie V. Brooks, Petersburg, and remarks by delegates.

Reviews Field Work

Wednesday afternoon's session of the Ideal convention came to order at 3 p. m. in the Ideal Hall. An address, in which the various phases of field work were discussed, was delivered by Supreme Master Holmes, followed by reports of deputies.

The final session was held in the auditorium of the Southern Aid Building. Preliminaries over, remarks were heard from B. L. Jordan, secretary-manager of Southern Aid Society, followed by presentation of prizes by Peyton Brown, Newport News, and Mrs. Ellen B. Taylor, Philadelphia, Pa. The report of the committee on resolutions was read, followed by a reading by Mrs. Louise T. Dean; the installation address delivered by Phillip Clark, Richmond; remarks, benediction and adjournment. A banquet was tendered the delegates and visitors by the Richmond District.

The supreme officers are: A. W. Holmes, supreme master; L. C. White, vice supreme master; M. E. Overton, supreme mistress; Sallie B. Cogbill, supreme secretary; Olivia W. Smith, assistant supreme secretary; T. L. Beverly, supreme treasurer; Rev. R. Beecher Taylor, supreme chaplain; Walter Baddy, supreme right herald; Rosa B. Atkins, supreme left herald; John L. Holmes, supreme right guide; Maude A. Morrisette, supreme left guide; Samuel Dennis, supreme sentinel; W. J. Majors, supreme outer guard; Lucinda J. Carter, past supreme mistress; Ellen B. Taylor, honorary past supreme mistress.

The board of directors include A. W. Holmes, Cora L. Jenkins, L. J. Carter, John S. Powell, J. R. Hicks, Rev. W. L. Anderson, S. B. Cogbill, George A. Arvin, T. L. Beverly, Fannie H. Ricks, L. C. White, B. W. Perkins, Ellen B. Taylor, Amos C. Clarke and Olivia W. Smith, executive secretary. The auditors are Alma L. Chapman and W. R. Allen.

Officers of the Nursery Department are: Fannie H. Ricks, president; M. E. Overton, first vice president; Susie Fowler, second vice president; Nannie Bracey, third vice president; Octavia Parker, prelate; Jessie B. Taylor, secretary; Jennie Saunders, treasurer; Roca V. Allen, conductor; Edna C. Brown, assistant conductor; Mary E. Page, inside guard; Ola D. James, outside guard; and Clemmie L. Perkins, directress.

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Supreme Royal Circle of Friends.

Suspend Rules and Re-elect President

Chicago Defender
Chicago Ill.

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 2.—After making his annual address to the union district convention of the Supreme Royal Circle of Friends, Dr. Richard A. Williams, in one of the most spectacular demonstrations in the history of the organization, was unanimously re-elected to office for the next year. All rules were suspended and the name of the founder of this great organization was presented for re-election and amid applause was returned as leader of this group he has struggled and worked so earnestly to build up.

Dr. R. A. Williams

9-3-32

The Supreme Royal Circle of Friends met at St. John C. M. E. church and was attended by delegates from the northern, western and middle western states. The Chicago delegation in wake of the supreme president arrived Thursday with two brass bands composed of ladies.

The parade was held Sunday and was witnessed by thousands. Following the parade the supreme president and supreme officers dedicated the Royal Circle building at 2240 Antietam St. in an impressive ceremony, which hundreds attended. The session adjourned Sunday night and most of the supreme officers were re-elected.

ROYAL CIRCLE OF FRIENDS HOLDS SOUTHERN CONVENTION

Chicago Defender

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 9.—The Supreme Royal Circle of Friends held a successful and enthusiastic district convention for members in the southern and border states at Bethel A. M. E. church, Ninth and Broadway Sts., this city, Sept. 1, 2 and 3. Delegates were in attendance from Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Kentucky and Louisiana.

After reports of the district grand officers, Dr. A. A. Williams, district grand president, was re-elected, together with all other grand officers.

In the membership drive conducted by Mrs. L. V. Jones, supreme traveling supervisor, 99 new members were conducted through the hot sands of the desert.

The delegates were entertained by local members with a banquet and reception at the Bamboo Inn in North Little Rock. Mrs. L. S. Dubisson, general endowment secretary and chief financial officer, was chairman of the local committee on arrangements.

The session closed with a spectacular parade, in which the Memphis Royal circle band and Forrest City military companies attracted much attention. After the parade an auto ride over the city was given the delegates.

The supreme circle, with delegates from every state in the Union, will meet in Chicago in 1933 during the World's fair.

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United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten.

U.B. F. & S.M.T. MEET

The annual grand session of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten was held here this week on Wednesday Thursday, at the Pleasant Green Baptist church. Rev. Geo. McNeal, grand master, presided over the grand lodge, and Mrs. M. E. Adams, grand princess, presided over the grand temple. Many delegates were here in attendance and the sessions were harmonious and successful. The memorial services were held Wednesday night when Bishop Hamlett, Rev. Tucker and Rev. L. A. Story had charge of the program. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Story and appropriate remarks were made by Rev. Rucker of Paola. Several distinguished visitors addressed the gatherings at different times when the public was invited.

The grandmaster's address showed that the order is growing despite the low ebb at which he found it when he was elected, and despite the depression. Rev. McNeal was grand master of the order many years ago when he left it in fine condition, with hundreds of members and thousands of dollars in the treasury. When he took charge this time a year ago he found two lodges and three temples and a deficit of more than seven thousand dollars. Now there are four lodges and twenty-three temples in good standing, and the death claims are being paid promptly. It is freely predicted that the order will regain its lost ground under the leadership of Rev. McNeal because of the confidence the people have in him.

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The United Order of Tents

OF J. R. G. & J. U. SOUTHERN DISTRICT NO. 1

Established in Norfolk, Va., November 1867, by Mrs. Annetta M. Lane, of Norfolk, Va., comprising the States of Virginia, North Carolina, District of Columbia, Maryland and Georgia

OBJECTS

To care for the sick, bury its dead, and to provide a Home for the aged and infirm sisters and the orphans of our deceased sisters, and to invite to the highest standard of Christian living. Norfolk, Va.

QUALIFICATIONS

Women of moral character, sound bodies and minds, not under 16 years of age nor over 50 years, and who believe in the existence of Almighty God.

Juvenile Department with hundreds of bright eyed girls of tender years, the future Tent women.

OLD FOLKS AND ORPHAN HOME

in full readiness caring for the aged and infirm members with all the comforts of a modest home.

BENEFITS

Death Benefits from $50, $75, $100, $125

Sick benefits regulated by subordinate Tents in part.

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Woodmen of Union.

SUITS REPELLED BY WOODMEN OF UNION INSURANCE COMPANY

Argus 8-26-32

St. Louis, Mo.

Stockholders Ask Receivership For Firm While White Agent Seeks Settlement.

JOHN WEBB MAKES STAND

Injunction Is Dissolved Reinsurance Agreements Are Reported Being Consummated.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 25.—(ANP)—Two suits were filed here against the Woodmen of Union Insurance company this week, one by B. B. Kirkpatrick, white, of Chicago, formerly employed by the company, and the other by L. L. Powell of Montgomery, grand master of the Mosaic Templars of Alabama suing as a stockholder. John L. Webb is president and B. G. Olive, secretary-manager of the Woodmen of Union Life Insurance company, which is a combination of the former Century Life Insurance Company located at Little Rock and the Woodmen of Union, a widely known fraternal insurance organization located at Hot Springs. The two organizations were merged August 12, 1931.

Injunction Is Dissolved

Widespread publication of Kirkpatrick charges led the Associated Negro Press to make inquiries of President Webb. Mr. Webb informed the A. N. P. that re-insurance agreement were in process of consummation and felt that it would be preferable not to enlarge upon his statement and felt that Webb, who is one of the best known men of the country, prominent in church and fraternal circles, and reputedly one of the wealthiest men in the group, said that his main object was to protect the policyholder's interest. He said the suit for receivership was filed by a disgruntled agent.

Atty. Benj. Clanton of Chicago appearing for Grand Master Powell, secured an injunction against the officers but the injunction was immediately dissolved when Senator Robinson's law firm appeared in court and promised that no further transfers of officer's stock would be made. That receivership hearing which Mr. Clanton filed will come up in the September term of court.

Merger Is Rumored

In the meantime, it was rumored that the company would be merged with the Universal Life. President J. E. Walker of the Universal Life told A. N. P. that "Universal Life will not merge with Woodmen of Union, nor any other company. We may take over the business but will never merge with any company."

It was learned that the insurance commissioners of the state who have been very close to the company both before the Woodmen and Century were merged and since, is said to have called a convention of insurance commissioners to consider the matter of a re-insurance agreement with some other company. President Webb through Atty. Scipio Jones is said to have appealed to number of companies to come to their rescue or to arrange to take the business.

Claims $7,000 Due

Kirkpatrick, who has been active for a number of years as a salesman for stock issues in various insurance and financial institutions, said the insurance company owes him $7,000 for work in reducing payment of $200,000 in claims to $46,000.